

# **2008 Consolidated Plan**

## **Action Plan**

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# ACTION PLAN

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# **Executive Summary**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **FY2008 ACTION PLAN**

In 1995, the Consolidated Plan became the single planning document for all funds received by the State from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds represent four major programs administered by the State of Missouri by four separate agencies:

- Community Development Block Grant – Department of Economic Development
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program – Missouri Housing Development Commission
- Emergency Shelter Grant – Department of Social Services
- Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS – Department of Health & Senior Services

The Department of Economic Development is the designated lead agency for the Missouri Consolidated Plan and Action Plan.

The State chose a five-year planning period, and the Consolidated Plan for FY2008 – FY2012 will published in February 2008. In addition to the Consolidated Plan, the State must also publish an annual Action Plan, first in draft format to allow for public review and comment; then a final Action Plan is published and submitted to HUD, usually on or about February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The 2008 Action Plan describes the State's intended use of the HUD funds, consistent with the strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The strategies are proposed actions to address the State's housing, community development, and economic development needs, which are also outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The Plan also contains information relevant to the distribution of funds, including strategies and actions to address lead-based paint, project monitoring, citizen participation, fair housing, and troubled public housing authorities.

The State's certifications to HUD are also included in this document with the Federal 424 Form, which requests the actual funds from the federal government.

FY2008 funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development are estimated as follows:

Community Development Block Grant:	\$23,714,036
HOME Investment Partnerships:	\$14,435,275
American Dream Downpayment Initiative	\$98,875
Emergency Shelter Grant:	\$1,420,284
Housing for Persons with AIDS:	\$473,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$40,141,470</b>

The Performance Measures system includes Objectives, Outcome Measures and Indicators. In the System, there are three overarching objectives and three categories of outcomes.

The objectives are Creating Suitable Living Environments; Providing Decent Affordable Housing; and Creating Economic Opportunities. The Outcome Categories are:

Accessibility/Availability; Affordability and Sustainability. There is a specified list of output indicators that Grantees would report on as appropriate to their chosen objective and outcome. The Working Group is confident that the list is broad enough so that the results of a significant amount of activities of each of the programs will be reported. Most of the output indicators required by the System do not require additional data collection or reporting.

As proposed, grantees would use this System in their five-year Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans, but are free to add objectives, outcomes and indicators specific to their state or local initiatives or priorities. Modifications to existing HUD reporting requirements and mechanisms, such as IDIS and the PER will be made to include these outcomes, indicators and appropriate data variables.

The System has been designed to enable grantees and HUD to tell Congress and OMB about many of the benefits provided by the programs. Our goal is to have information to aggregate results across the broad spectrum of programming at the city, county and state level funded by these block grants. In addition, grantees are encouraged to utilize this performance measurement system as the basis for assessment and management of their programs.

Based on their intent when funding them, Grantees would determine under which of the three objectives to report the outcomes of their projects and activities. Similarly, once the objective is chosen, then the Grantee would also choose which of the three outcome categories best reflects what they are seeking to achieve (the results) in funding a particular activity. Next, Grantees would choose from a list of indicators (also known as outputs) to report on, and supply the data for those indicators to HUD.

The System maintains the flexibility of the block grants programs, as the objectives and outcomes are determined by the grantees based on the intent of the project and activity. While program flexibility is maintained, the System offers a specific menu of objectives, outcomes and indicators so that reporting can be standardized and the achievements of these programs can be aggregated to the national level.

## **OBJECTIVES**

### Suitable Living Environment

In general, this objective relates to activities that are designed to benefit communities or groups of families by addressing issues in their living environment.

### Decent Affordable Housing

The activities that typically would be found under this objective are designed to cover the wide range of housing that is possible under HOME, CDBG, HOPWA or ESG. It focuses on housing programs where the purpose of the program is to meet individual family or community needs and not programs where housing is an element of a larger effort (that would be captured above under Suitable Living Environment).

## Creating Economic Opportunities

This objective applies to the types of activities related to economic development, commercial revitalization or job creation.

## **OUTCOMES**

### Availability/Accessibility

This outcome category applies to activities which make services, infrastructure, housing, or shelter available or accessible to low income people. In this category, accessibility does not refer only to physical barriers, but also to making the affordable basics of daily living available and accessible to low and moderate income people where they live.

### Affordability

This outcome category applies to activities which provide affordability in a variety of ways in the lives of low and moderate income people. It can include the creation or maintenance of affordable housing, basic infrastructure hook-ups, or services such as transportation or day care.

### Sustainability: Promoting Livable or Viable Communities

This outcome applies to projects where the activity or activities are aimed at improving a neighborhood by helping to make it livable or viable for principally low and moderate income people through multiple activities, or by providing services that sustain communities or sections of communities.

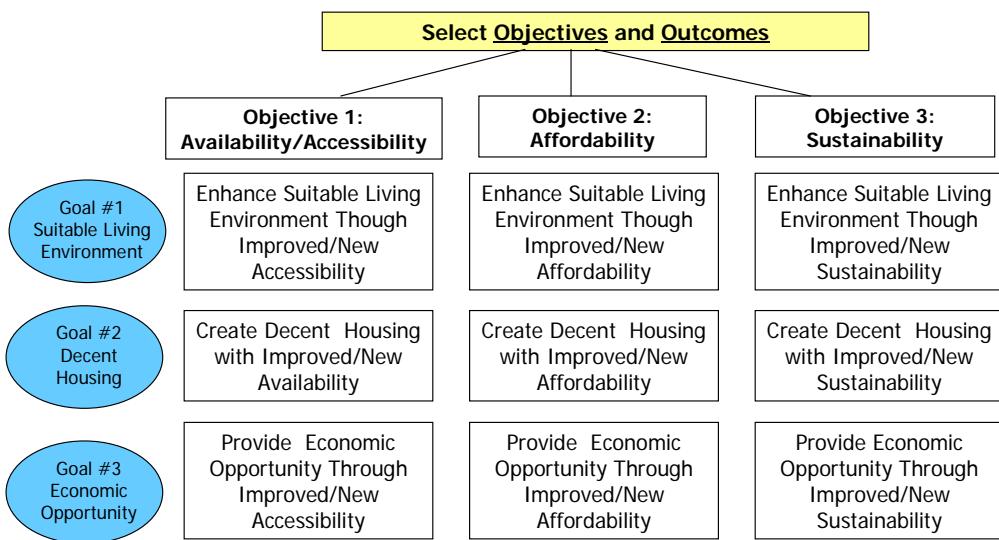
## **Output Indicators**

There are certain indicators that are required; the rest of the indicators reported will depend on the activity funded and source of funding (CDBG, HOME, ESG or HOPWA). The CDBG program will implement the performance measures system on a limited basis for 2006. HOME, ESG and HOPWA will implement in 2007.

Each outcome category can be connected to each of the overarching objectives, resulting in a total of nine groups of outcomes under which grantees would report the activity or project data to document the results of their activities or projects. They are activities or projects that provide:

- Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments
- Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing
- Accessibility for the purpose of creating economic opportunities
- Affordability for purpose of creating suitable living environments
- Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing
- Affordability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities
- Sustainability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments
- Sustainability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing
- Sustainability for the purpose of creating economic opportunity

# Outcomes



FY2007 was the first year that this performance measures system will have been implemented by all agencies involved in the Consolidated Plan. The table in the Performance Measures section shows the FY08 goals for all programs, plus FY07 data, if available.

Each individual program plan states the allocation priorities and method of distribution for each program. The state does not target specific geographical locations for project funding. As the state administers these programs for the nonentitlement areas of Missouri, project need is the primary basis for funding rather than geographical distribution.

## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

Version 02

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation	*Other (Specify) _____
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3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

\*5b. Federal Award Identifier:

### State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

### 8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

\*a. Legal Name: State of Missouri

\*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

44-6000987

\*c. Organizational DUNS:

87-901-4686

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County: Cole

\*State: MO

Province: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Country: USA

\*Zip / Postal Code 65102

### e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Department of Economic Development

Division Name:

Business and Community Services

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**\*9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

A.State Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\*Other (Specify)

**\*10 Name of Federal Agency:**

Housing and Urban Development

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**14.228, 14.239, 14.231, 14.241

CFDA Title:

State Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, American Dream Downpayment Assistance Initiative, Emergency Shelter Grant, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS**\*12 Funding Opportunity Number:**

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\*Title:

Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, American Dream Downpayment Assistance Initiative, Emergency Shelter Grant, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS**13. Competition Identification Number:**

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Title:

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**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

State of Missouri

**\*15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

The abovereferenced funds are administered by the State of Missouri for the nonentitlement areas of the state for various housing and community development projects.

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**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\*a. Applicant: MO-all

\*b. Program/Project: MO-all

**17. Proposed Project:**

\*a. Start Date: 4/1/08

\*b. End Date: 3/31/09

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**\*a. Federal 40,137,739

\*b. Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

\*c. State \_\_\_\_\_

\*d. Local \_\_\_\_\_

\*e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

\*f. Program Income 3,000,000\*g. TOTAL 43,137,739**\*19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?** a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on \_\_\_\_\_ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review. c. Program is not covered by E. O. 12372**\*20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes", provide explanation.)** Yes       No

21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U. S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

 \*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions

**Authorized Representative:**Prefix: Mr. \*First Name: Greg

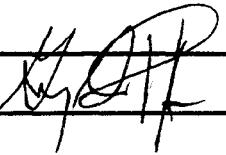
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**\*Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation**

The following should contain an explanation if the Applicant organization is delinquent of any Federal Debt.

# **Action Plans for FY2008**

# **HOME Investment Partnerships Program**

**MISSOURI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM**

The budget presented below identifies MHDC's available resources for the State Fiscal Year 2009. The programs and funding established meet the priorities of the State of Missouri.

HOME is authorized under [Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act](#), as amended. Program regulations are at [24 CFR Part 92](#). The HOME program final rule is available electronically. Additional information about the HOME program can be found by visiting HUD's HOME program web pages.

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**HOME BUDGET FFY 2008**

The allocation for the HOME Program is estimated to be \$15,000,000. MHDC also expects to have approximately \$3,500,000 in HOME Program income for use in FFY 2008. The American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) Program is estimated to be \$100,000 in FFY 2008. The total estimated HOME Program budget for FFY 2008 is \$18,600,000.

<b>Rental Housing Production Program</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
• CHDO set-aside	\$2,250,000
• CHDO Operating Expense Grants	\$200,000
• Rental Housing Production Program	\$11,550,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$14,000,000</b>
HOME Repair (HeRO) Program	\$3,000,000
American Dream Downpayment Initiative	\$100,000
Administration Expense	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,600,000</b>

<b>MHDC FY 2008 Fund Balance Budget</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
MHDC Rental Housing Production & Preservation Program *	\$6,775,000
MHDC Mortgage Revenue Bond Program For first-time homebuyers ( <i>First Place</i> Loan Program) (Cost of Issuance)	\$4,400,000
Rental Assistance Program - Project Based	\$826,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,001,000</b>

\* These funds will be used to meet the match requirement for the HOME Program.

Note: The state fiscal year differs from the federal fiscal year. State FY 2008 MHDC funds will be used in FFY 2007. At this point in time, we do not know what the State FY 2009 MHDC fund balance budget will be.

<b>Other FY 2008 Program Budgets</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
Missouri Housing Trust Fund	\$4.5 million
9% Federal & State LIHTC	\$11.3 million
4% Federal & State LIHTC	\$11.3 million
Affordable Housing Assistance Tax Credit	\$11 million

## **HOUSING STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS NEED**

### Five-Year Priorities and Strategies FFY 2008-2012

The State of Missouri has established the following priorities for the **FFY 2008-2012** Consolidated Plan.

- Affordable housing for low-income families
- Affordable housing for homeless families and families with other special needs
- Affordable homeownership for low and moderate income families
- Preservation of affordable housing for low-income persons and families
- Affordable housing for the elderly

### **One-Year Goals for FFY 2008 HOME Program**

(included in Annual Objectives Chart)

148	Households Provided with New or Improved Affordability of Decent Housing
20	Low-Income, First-Time Homebuyers Receiving Down Payment Assistance
400	Housing Units Brought Up to Local Codes or Standards

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Objectives & Outcomes**

The main objective of MHDC is to successfully leverage federal HOME funds with federal and state Low Income Housing Tax Credits, MHDC funds and other public and private funds to rehabilitate or build new rental housing that is affordable to low income families, especially single-parent households and large families in Missouri. Quality affordable housing for seniors aged 55 and above is also a priority under MHDC's multifamily housing finance programs. MHDC will continue to make HOME funds available through its annual competitive funding cycle for private and non-profit developers of affordable rental housing. For the past several program years, MHDC has also made HOME funds for rental production available as subordinate financing for developments receiving an allocation of tax-exempt bonds.

MHDC has also made the preservation of affordable rental housing a high priority in our Consolidated Plan. MHDC will continue to financially restructure and preserve federally-assisted rental housing in the state. The demand for this housing is simply too high and the supply is too short to lose any of the current stock of affordable housing.

MHDC will also continue to support and build the capacity of non-profit Community Housing Development Organizations to develop affordable housing for low-income families. MHDC will make operating expense grants to CHDOs to pay for their staff and other basic operating expenses. MHDC will continue to set aside at least 15% of its HOME funds for CHDOs for rental housing production in FFY 2008 as required by HOME Program rules. It should be mentioned that MHDC typically allocates a significant amount more than the statutory minimum of 15% of funds to CHDOs. MHDC has used 22.5% of its HOME Program funds for CHDOs over the four previous FFYs.

Also, since MHDC typically makes loans with HOME funds this should continue to provide a reliable stream of program income for new loans for affordable housing in future years. MHDC usually allocates the HOME program income and any prior year's funds available for use in the Rental Housing Production Program. In FFY 2008, we expect program income to amount to approximately \$3,500,000.

Since FFY 2004, MHDC has budgeted between \$800,000 and \$1 million for permanent housing for the homeless. In FFY 2005, MHDC assisted in the production of 12 units of permanent housing for the homeless and persons with special needs. In FFY 2006 MHDC assisted in the production of 8 units of housing for homeless families and 23 units for persons with special needs. These funds are usually included in the Notice of Funding Availability for the Missouri Housing Trust Fund. Beginning with FFY2008, MHDC will no longer utilize HOME funds to finance permanent supportive housing for the homeless. MHDC will exclusively use its Missouri Housing Trust Fund program to finance housing for the homeless which continues to be a high priority for this agency.

MHDC will continue to work with rural city governments, Community Action Agencies, Regional Planning Commissions and other non-profit organizations to provide home repairs,

weatherization, accessibility improvements and lead reduction activities with HOME funds to low and moderate income homeowners using the HOME Repair (HeRO) program. Since the Department of Economic Development decided not to allocate CDBG funds for rehabilitation of single-family owner-occupied housing. MHDC has increased its allocation of HOME funds for home repair to \$2 million in FFY 2006 and \$4 million in FFY 2007. This program is available in the non-metropolitan areas of the state. In FFY 2007, \$1 million will be used to leverage home repair funds in metropolitan areas of greatest need. MHDC has committed \$1 million in HOME funds to home repair programs as part of Governor Blunt's Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missourians (DREAM) initiative to revitalize and strengthen downtown areas in rural communities.

The American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI) has been an effective tool for helping low and moderate income families purchase a home in Missouri. Since FFY 2005, MHDC has made the ADDI Program available through USDA Rural Development in conjunction with their 502 Direct Loan Program due to the continued reduction in funding to \$245,000 in FFY 2007. MHDC will continue to offer this program in the non-metropolitan areas of the state.. It is anticipated that \$100,000 will be allocated to this program in FFY 2008.

### **Evaluation of Past Performance**

#### Rental Housing Production

MHDC has previously provided Rental Housing Production data for the Action Plan based upon HOME loans closed during federal program years. Beginning with the present Action Plan, the reported data shall be based upon completed HOME-financed developments as reported in HUD's IDIS reporting system.

During the period 4/1/2006 to 3/31/2007, MHDC reported in the IDIS system the completion of developments financed with HOME funds totaling \$7,831,487, which produced a total of 223 HOME-assisted housing units. MHDC also committed \$200,000 in HOME funds for operating expense grants for CHDOs. Currently \$156,500 of the operating grants have been disbursed.

In FFY 2005, MHDC completed developments worth \$18,485,163 in HOME funding producing 562 units. Of the 562 units, 480 were rented to households with incomes of 50 percent or lower of area median income.

To provide a bridge utilizing the previous Action Plan reporting methodology (based upon HOME transactions closed), FFY2006 closing activity resulted in HOME loans totaling \$16,008,893 for partial funding of 1,236 rental housing units with 188 that were designated HOME-assisted housing units. Of the 79 newly constructed HOME-assisted units, 61 were set-aside as elderly and the remaining were for families. Of the 101 rehabilitated HOME-assisted units, 43 were set-aside as elderly and the remaining 58 units were for families. Of the total amount, \$3,064,321 in loans were closed with non-profit sponsors of affordable rental housing.

The Governor's Senior Housing Task Force examined the current housing and related social service needs of seniors in 2007 and considered future projections for the senior population in

reaching its recommendations. According to American Community Survey data, there were 59,203 senior households with severe cost burdens (paying more than 50% of their income for their housing costs) in 2005. These seniors must make difficult choices between paying their housing and utility costs and other basic necessities of life, such as food, medicine, health care and transportation. This is the stark reality that too many seniors must confront every day in Missouri.

The Task Force concluded that the state needs to take immediate action to provide more accessible and affordable housing for seniors as well as the necessary integrated and coordinated social services to help seniors successfully age in place. HOME funds will continue to serve a vital role in meeting the affordable housing needs of our seniors

#### Home Repair (HeRO) Program

During the period 4/1/2006 to 3/31/2007 MHDC expended \$1,310,228 of HOME funds from multiple funding years for home repairs, weatherization, accessibility improvements and lead abatement in owner-occupied homes. MHDC in conjunction with its non-profit partners funded and completed 82 HOME-assisted units.

#### American Dream Down Payment Initiative

During the period 4/1/2006 to 3/31/2007 MHDC budgeted \$197,418 in HOME funds for the ADDI program, completing 31 HOME-assisted units.

#### Activities to End Chronic Homelessness

During the period FFY 2004, FFY 2005 and FFY 2006 MHDC budgeted more than \$1 million in HOME funds for permanent housing for the homeless. During this period, MHDC committed the following amounts:

- Benilde Hall received a \$500,000 grant for permanent housing for homeless men with special needs.
- Rosati House received a \$300,000 grant and a \$595,000 loan to finance permanent housing for the homeless.
- SEMO Family Counseling Center, Inc. received a \$100,000 grant for permanent housing for physically disabled persons.
- The Community Counseling Center received an \$85,000 grant for permanent housing for persons with severe and persistent mental illness.
- RAIN of Central Missouri received a grant of \$113,548 to finance permanent housing for persons with HIV/AIDS.

## **Allocation Priorities**

Rental housing production will likely continue to be the highest priority in our HOME Program for the State of Missouri. Census data indicates that there are 105,854 households, almost 16 percent of all renters in the state, paying more than 50% of their income for rent. This type of demonstrated need demands that the production of affordable rental housing be our greatest priority. MHDC also uses its own funds for rental housing production and it has budgeted approximately \$6.8 million for this purpose in state FY 2007. These funds will be used to meet the 25% match requirements in the HOME Program.

While MHDC has not allocated any of its HOME funds for tenant based rental assistance, it has provided rental assistance for many years in USDA Rural Development financed rental housing. In state FY 2007 MHDC budgeted approximately \$826,000 of its own funds for rental assistance for very low-income persons and families in Missouri.

As mentioned previously, since the Department of Economic Development has eliminated its rehabilitation program for low and moderate income homeowners, there has been an increasing demand for this type of assistance from MHDC. In response to this increased demand, MHDC has increased its budget for the HOME Repair (HeRO) Program to \$4 million in FFY 2007. MHDC also makes grants to non-profit organizations for home repairs for low-income families and seniors through the Missouri Housing Trust Fund.

Affordable homeownership is a high priority in our state. Therefore, MHDC will continue to provide as much homeownership assistance as possible with the funds from the American Dream Down Payment Initiative if Congress again funds the program. It is anticipated that the ADDI program allocation will be \$100,000 in FFY2008. ADDI funds will be targeted to rural homebuyers using USDA Rural Development's 502 Direct Loan Program. Additionally, MHDC will continue to provide financing and down payment assistance with our First Place loan program (mortgage revenue bonds) which helps approximately 3,000 Missouri families a year.

## **One-Year Goals**

For the FFY 2008 HOME Program MHDC has set the following one-year goals:

148	Households Provided with New or Improved Affordability of Decent Housing
20	Low-Income, First-Time Homebuyers Receiving Down Payment Assistance
400	Housing Units Brought Up to Local Codes or Standards

## **HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM**

### **General Description**

The federally-funded HOME program was designed to expand the supply of decent and affordable housing for low- and very low-income persons. The intent of the HOME program is:

- to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing, primarily rental housing;
- to strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide housing;
- to assure that federal housing services, financing and other investments are provided to state and local governments in a coordinated, supportive fashion; and
- to expand the capacity of non-profit community-based housing development organizations.

HOME is a partnership of the federal, state and local governments and private and non-profit organizations involved in low-income housing initiatives. The Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) meets the objectives of the HOME program through direct administration of the eligible activities and by creating partnerships with local Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), Community Action Agencies (CAAs), local governments, and non-profit and for-profit developers.

MHDC has designated rental housing production, the preservation of existing rental housing and affordable homeownership as priorities under HOME. As required by the HOME program, MHDC will set aside at least 15% of the HOME fund allocation for use by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). MHDC has designated 22 non-profit agencies in Missouri as CHDOs and is committed to working with the various qualified CHDOs to structure financially feasible developments. In addition, MHDC may allocate HOME funds to private developers through the Rental Housing Production & Preservation Program. MHDC also established a HOME repair program for owner-occupied housing in conjunction with non-profit organizations and rural cities in Missouri.

MHDC is the Participating Jurisdiction for the State of Missouri. The entitlement communities/counties (Participating Jurisdictions) in Missouri that receive their own HOME funds are: Columbia, Florissant, Independence, Jefferson City, Jefferson County, Joplin, Kansas City, Lee's Summit, O'Fallon, Springfield, St. Charles, St. Joseph, St. Louis, St. Louis County, and St. Peters.

It has become increasingly difficult to combine HOME funds and the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) for rental housing production in rural Missouri. Combining HOME funds and LIHTC in many rural communities produces rents that are not sufficient to support the operating costs of a rental housing development. Therefore, MHDC has adopted a flexible policy that permits the financing of rental housing with the funds that are most appropriate to the needs of each community. In some cases, MHDC will substitute MHDC funds for HOME funds in rural

communities and allow for the use of HOME funds in metropolitan areas. This policy is consistent with HUD regulations codified in 24 CFR Part 92.201 and with MHDC's desire to attempt a fair geographic distribution of the tax credit, as called for in the State of Missouri's LIHTC Qualified Allocation Plan.

## **Activities**

### **Rental Housing Production and Preservation Program**

MHDC will make approximately \$13,800,000 in FFY 2008 HOME funds available for the HOME Rental Housing Production & Preservation Program. Rental production includes the acquisition, rehabilitation and/or new construction of affordable housing in accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations codified as 24 CFR Part 92. A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be published and applications will be accepted for approximately 60 days. Eligible applicants include private, non-profit or public entities. HOME funds may be awarded as a loan, a deferred grant or a combination thereof. HOME loans may be in first position, or it may be provided as a loan subordinate to tax-exempt bond financing that is the result of an allocation of bond authority issued by the Department of Economic Development to an issuer of tax-exempt bonds.

### **Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set Aside**

MHDC will set-aside approximately \$2,225,000 in FFY 2008 HOME funds for rental housing production and preservation specifically for non-profit Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). The NOFA will state that proposals for acquisition, rehabilitation and/or new construction of rental units will be accepted from CHDOs in accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations codified as 24 CFR Part 92. The CHDO must develop or sponsor the HOME-assisted development and must be a managing general partner or the sole owner. MHDC will work with interested CHDOs in preparing and structuring their applications. The notice will also identify the availability of \$200,000 in FFY 2007 HOME funds to CHDOs for "operating expenses" defined in 24 CFR 92.2 as "reasonable and necessary costs for the operation of the community housing development organization."

MHDC will select applications that are consistent with the FFY 2008-2012 State of Missouri Consolidated Plan, within the limitations of available funds and the applications received, and that meet the greatest housing needs in the state. All proposals must be for rental units and priority will be given to those developments which:

- 1) meet a demonstrated need for affordable housing;
- 2) provide housing for low income and very low-income families;
- 3) demonstrate local support;
- 4) leverage HOME funds with other public or private funds;
- 5) provide rents below HUD's "fair market rents" or rents affordable to persons below 50% of the area median income;

- 6) are economically feasible; and
- 7) address one of the priorities as stated in the current State of Missouri Consolidated Plan.

### **HOME Repair Program**

MHDC established the HOME Repair Program in FFY 2002. The purpose of this program is to improve the quality of life of the citizens of Missouri by expanding opportunities to improve and make more livable owner-occupied single-family homes.

MHDC will make approximately \$3 million in FFY 2008 HOME funds available to community action agencies and other not-for-profit agencies for the purpose of home repair, weatherization, accessibility improvements and lead abatement in owner-occupied homes. This funding is available to agencies that undertake the eligible activities on behalf of low and moderate-income families in eligible areas. The sub-grantee may work with or without the services of a selected rehabilitation contractor. Agencies awarded funding may also receive funds to assist in the administration of this program, not to exceed 10% of the total grant amount.

Eligible homeowners must have annual incomes that do not exceed 80% of the area median income adjusted for family size, in accordance with HOME Program regulations. Eligible homeowners may receive cash assistance in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The sub-grantee and the individual homeowner shall reach agreement regarding rehabilitation needs. The homeowner must occupy the property as their principal residence. The affordability of the property must be maintained for three years. The funds must be repaid in full if the property is sold at any time prior to three years. At the end of three years, all restrictions shall be removed, and the funds shall be considered a grant.

Eligible properties shall be owner-occupied single-family units. Property occupied by non-owners, single-wide trailers, manufactured homes not affixed to a permanent foundation, semi-detached homes, condominium units, town homes, one-half of a duplex, or properties held in contract-for-deed title shall not be eligible.

Home rehabilitation must comply with all local zoning requirements and building codes. In the absence of local codes, the BOCA code or approved equivalent will be used. Rehabilitation work will be subject to an inspection by a local inspector.

A NOFA will be published each summer and applications will be accepted for approximately 45 days. MHDC will select proposals from agencies that reflect pertinent experience and capacity to administer the program. Funding decisions will be made by the Commission in December or January of each year.

### **American Dream Down Payment Initiative**

The American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI) has been an effective tool for helping low and moderate income families purchase a home in Missouri. Since FFY 2005, MHDC has made the ADDI Program available through USDA Rural Development in conjunction with their

502 Direct Loan Program due to the continued reduction in funding to \$245,000 in FFY 2007. It is anticipated that \$100,000 will be allocated to this program in FFY 2008.

ADDI provides first-time homebuyers forgivable loans equal to 6 percent of the home's purchase price. This assistance helps defray the upfront costs of purchasing a first home.

To be eligible for the program, individuals must be first-time home buyers interested in purchasing a single family home, condominium unit, or manufactured housing. In addition, individuals who qualify for this assistance must have incomes not exceeding 80 percent of area median income. Special exceptions exist for displaced homemakers and single parents. Available through USDA Rural Development Offices; lenders reserve funds while MHDC regulates closing costs.

### **Activities to End Chronic Homelessness in Missouri**

Since FFY 2004 MHDC has budgeted between \$800,000 and \$1 million for permanent housing for the homeless. These funds are usually included in the NOFA for the Missouri Housing Trust Fund. Beginning with FFY2008, MHDC will no longer utilize HOME funds to finance permanent supportive housing for the homeless. MHDC will only utilize its Missouri Housing Trust Fund program to finance housing for the homeless which continues to be a high priority for this agency.

Additionally, MHDC has taken over the responsibility for the Balance of State Continuum of Care. The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness reviews and prioritizes the applications submitted each year under the Balance of State Continuum of Care. This committee is comprised of two members of the General Assembly, one from each political party, and at least one representative from each of the following state agencies: Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Corrections, Department of Mental Health, Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Economic Development, Division of Youth Services, Division of Workforce Development, Missouri Housing Development Commission, and Department of Social Services.

Each county in the Balance of State Continuum of Care receives a pro-rata share of HUD funding and contributes this to one general fund for the Balance of State. In November 2006, Boone County joined the Missouri Balance of State Continuum in November 2006 and Clay, Ray and Platte counties joined in October 2007 which helped increase monies available each year from \$2.5 million to \$3 million. Unlike the other funding sources mentioned in the Action Plan, Continuum of Care McKinney-Vento funds are not block granted to the state but rather are awarded through a competitive process. In the last five years, 28 projects have been funded. In the 2007 Balance of State Continuum, four new permanent housing proposals were submitted to HUD for approval. Each year the request for funding on renewals requires a larger percentage of the funding available. In 2007, there were 10 renewals: five were permanent housing, two were transitional housing, and two were for support services only. In addition, eight were Shelter Plus Care which is funded as a set aside through Federal legislation.

The Regional Housing meetings are the forum currently utilized to gather the data necessary to complete the Balance of State Continuum of Care document. It is also the forum used to educate and train service providers and nonprofit agencies about this funding source. In addition, this group helps with the Point-In-Time Count required by HUD, which is a count of the unsheltered homeless individuals in Missouri on one given night in order to justify a need for services. At the same time, Missouri Association for Social Welfare conducts a sheltered Point In Time Count throughout the Balance of State.

Lastly, since HUD requires every Continuum of Care receiving federal funds to establish a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), MHDC committed in March 2006 to provide a \$90,000 matching grant over a three-year period from MHDC funds to MASW in order to ensure that they continue to be eligible to receive a grant from HUD for an HMIS. This will greatly improve the coordination of data collection on the characteristics and needs of the homeless. The long-term objective is an HMIS that covers the entire State, including the entitlement communities.

MHDC will undertake significant additional activities for the homeless and other special needs populations through the expenditure of funds from the Missouri Housing Trust Fund (MHTF). Each year MHDC receives approximately \$5 million in state funds to provide housing assistance for very low income families in Missouri. All persons assisted by the MHTF must have incomes at or below 50% of the median family income for the geographic area, adjusted for family size. Half of the MHTF must be used to assist persons at or below 25% of the area median family income.

Non-profit organizations or private developers that provide housing and/or related services may apply for funding from the MHTF. Applicants must demonstrate prior successful housing experience and have the financial capacity to successfully complete and operate the housing and/or service proposed. Service providers must have qualified and trained staff and a successful record of providing the proposed services.

Eligible activities include operating support for homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters and transitional housing; emergency housing assistance to prevent homelessness; home repairs for low-income homeowners; the development of new or rehabilitated affordable housing; and rental assistance for low-income families. MHDC issues a NOFA each summer. Funding decisions are customarily made by the Commission in December of each year.

# **HOPWA**

**Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)**  
**Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services**  
**Division of Environmental Health and Communicable Disease Prevention**  
**Prevention and Care Programs**

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS) will accept and distribute an estimated \$473,000 in HOPWA formula funding in 2008. HOPWA program funding is divided between Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and Short-Term Rent Mortgage and Utility Assistance (STRMU), with an estimated \$461,000 allocated to TBRA to serve 150 individuals/families and \$12,000 allocated to STRMU to serve 10 individuals/families for the program year. In 2006, the most recent year of complete data, the MDHSS served 114 households with TBRA and 9 households with STRMU.

MDHSS coordinates HOPWA Funds with Ryan White Part B CARE Act Emergency Assistance in the outstate regions of Missouri. The Case Management system within Part B has a housing plan component designed to address the service gaps that exist for clients about to become homeless or in danger of immediate homelessness while engaging them in efforts towards achieving self-sufficiency. When an urgent housing need is identified through the application and assessment process, a service plan for housing is implemented for that client with stated time limited goals, objectives and outcomes. In order to qualify for HOPWA assistance a client must be enrolled in Case Management with an income at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and have a housing service plan documenting the need for the service. The over-arching goal is to move the client from a dependant temporary housing environment to permanent and stable housing where the client is engaging in his overall health and well being.

MDHHS is targeting HOWPA funds to those most in need of the service given the limited funding and long waiting lists for public housing. Identifying additional barriers to stable housing helps prioritize each new HOPWA applicant. Our application process prioritizes applicants below 80% of the FPL, with a disability, additional co-morbidities, dependents in the home, and facing barriers that may limit access to community-based and other federal housing programs, such as a history of felony arrests or poor rental history. In addition, the HOPWA program makes use of a calculation formula that determines each applicant's financial need based on a comprehensive assessment of income, rent and utility amount, medical expenses, and local fair market rent.

MDHSS performs an on-site monitoring visit of the fiduciary agent, Healthcare Strategic Initiative (HSI), for the HOPWA program twice yearly. Standard monitoring forms are used to record compliance on major aspects of program performance, including employment standards, record confidentiality and retention, budget and fiscal records, and the annual fiscal audit.

In addition to routinely reviewing the activities of the fiduciary agent, MDHSS monitors additional progress toward meeting goals & objectives by reviewing client files at local case management sites to assure that HOPWA funds are targeted to those who are eligible and are most in need, that funding is at adequate levels to maintain stable and safe housing, and that recipients are provided sufficient support to identify means to move towards independence.

# **ESG**

## **EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT**

### **STATE OF MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

The Department of Social Services, through the Family Support Division, will accept and distribute \$1,420,284 (FFY2008); which is the State of Missouri's share of the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended.

Eligible Activities include:

- a. Administration (Maximum of 2% to Grantees)
- b. Renovations
- c. Operations
- d. Essential Services (Not to exceed 30% of the Grant)
- e. Prevention (Not to exceed 30% of the Grant)

All of Missouri's county and city governments with a population of 10,000 and over, as well as those entities that have expressed an interest in the program, will be notified of the availability of ESG funds through the state program and provided an opportunity to apply for a grant.

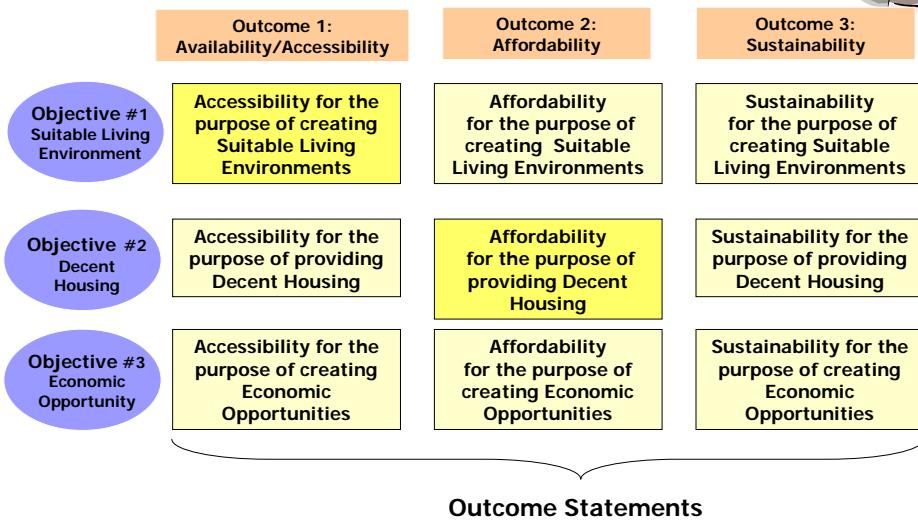
Applicants will only be accepted and considered from city and county governments. Local governments may in turn use the funds to contract with local not-for-profit qualified organizations to meet the service need of the community related to the homeless. Local governments or their nonprofit agencies will be required to provide matching funds equal to the amount of any grant they receive. The State, in conjunction with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, encourages community partnership and the continuum of care concept.

Involving local government entities ensures this partnership and further ensures the accountability and efficiency in service delivery. An ESG Program Committee has been named to review new applications and advise the Program Coordinator regarding the priority of each applicant. The Program Coordinator will be responsible for recommending to the Director of the Family Support Division all of the applicants who will receive Emergency Shelter Grants and the amount of each award.

After basic eligibility has been established, consideration will be given to each application based on the following criteria to determine final grant awards:

1. **Need:** Applications will be evaluated on the projected homeless population in the community, and the number of known homeless individuals and families in the community receiving assistance from local service providers
2. **Cost Effectiveness:** Applications will be evaluated on the cost of providing services per individual served.
3. **Prior Experience** and participation in the ESG Program.

# Emergency Shelter Grant Program Outcome Statements



For homeless and special needs housing and support activities the objectives will usually be either Suitable Living Environment or Decent Housing and the outcomes will be Availability/Accessibility and Affordability.

## **ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENTS:**

**ENVIRONMENTS:** Shelter rehabilitation, operations and essential services should generally be reported under the Suitable Living Environment objective because these activities are generally provided for the purpose of improving the living conditions of beneficiaries (who would otherwise be living on the street). Emergency and transitional shelter should be captured under the availability/accessibility outcome since the goal is to make shelter available to low-income persons who otherwise would not have it. In general homeless individuals and families face multiple barriers when trying to access supportive services so essential services should be captured under the availability/accessibility outcome.

## **AFFORDABILITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING DECENT HOUSING:**

Homeless prevention should generally be reported under the Decent Housing objective, since the goal of most prevention activities is to help individuals or families preserve their housing. Homeless prevention activities should be captured under the affordability outcome, since they typically help persons pay for or better afford their current housing

## MISSOURI FFY 2007 ESGP LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS



# **CDBG**

# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

## **MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **FEDERAL ENABLING LEGISLATION**

In 1974, the Housing and Community Development Act (Public Law 93-383), as amended in 1981, 1983, 1984, 1987, 1988, 1990, and 1992, combined eight categorical programs into a single block grant program. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administered the program from 1975 to 1981 for local community development projects with the goal of providing adequate housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for lower income citizens. Annual Federal appropriations for the program are divided 70 percent for entitlement cities and counties and non-entitlement communities within metropolitan areas (SMSA), and 30 percent for non-entitlement communities within non-entitlement areas. Grants for entitlement areas are calculated and awarded on the basis of a formula. HUD awarded non-entitlement grants prior to 1982 based on individual competitions and a national rating system.

Legislation signed by the President on August 13, 1981 authorized major changes in the program. The Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1981 provided each state the option of administering Community Development Block Grant funds for non-entitlement areas. Since fiscal year 1982, the State of Missouri has elected to administer the program.

### **PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION METHODS FOR FY2008 FUNDS**

#### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 1) **Eligible Applicants:** The State will distribute \$23,714,036 in FY2008 CDBG funds to "units of general local government" in non-entitlement areas (incorporated municipalities under 50,000 and counties under 200,000). Cities and counties in Missouri that are not eligible for these non-entitlement funds are: Blue Springs, Columbia, Florissant, Independence, Jefferson City, Joplin, Kansas City, O'Fallon, Springfield, St. Charles, St. Joseph, St. Peters, Lee's Summit, St. Louis (city), Jefferson County (and the cities within Jefferson County who have elected to participate in the Jefferson County entitlement program), and St. Louis County (and the cities within St. Louis County who have elected to participate in the St. Louis County entitlement program).
- 2) **Eligible Activities:** Section 105(a) of the Community Development Act and HUD regulations specified the activities that are eligible for CDBG assistance. A general listing of eligible activities is below, and a detailed description is provided in 105(a) of the Act and in 24 CFR 570.482. While all activities may be eligible, some program categories may prioritize the funding of some activities:

- 1. Property Acquisition
- 2. Property Disposition
- 3. Property Clearance
- 4. Architectural Barrier Removal
- 5. Senior Center
- 6. Community Facilities
- 7. Centers for the Handicapped
- 8. Historic Properties
- 9. Water Treatment
- 10. Sanitary Sewer Collection
- 11. Storm Sewers
- 12. Flood and Drainage Facilities
- 13. Streets (or Roads)
- 14. Street Accessories
- 15. Parking Facilities
- 16. Bridges
- 17. Sidewalks
- 18. Pedestrian Malls
- 19. Recycling or Conversion Facilities
- 20. Parks and Recreation Facilities
- 21. Fire Protection/Facility Equipment
- 22. Solid Waste Disposal Facilities
- 23. Other Utilities
- 24. Public Service/Supportive Services
- 25. Rehabilitation of Private Residential Properties
- 26. Rehabilitation of Public Residential Properties
- 27. Payments for Loss of Rental Income
- 28. Relocation
- 29. Code Enforcement
- 30. Energy Use Strategy
- 31. Non-Federal Share Payment
- 32. Interim Assistance
- 33. Planning
- 34. Commercial or Industrial Facilities
- 35. Administration
- 36. Engineering/Design
- 37. Housing Rehab Inspection
- 38. Engineering/Construction Inspection
- 40. Audit
- 41. Port Facility
- 42. Airports
- 43. Natural Gas Lines
- 44. Electrical Distribution Lines
- 45. Rail Spurs
- 46. Security Lighting
- 47. Other Professional Services
- 48. Security Fencing
- 49. Site Preparation
- 50. Purchase Land/Building
- 51. Facility Construction Renovation
- 52. Machinery/Equipment
- 53. Working Capital
- 54. Sewage Treatment
- 55. LDC Homeownership Assistance – up to \$15,000 to purchase a new home
- 56. Legal
- 57. 911 Emergency Systems
- 60. Homeowners Assistance – up to \$5,000 to purchase an existing DSS home
- 61. Lead-Based Paint Evaluation
- 62. Asbestos Removal
- 63. Job Training\*
- 64. Home-Ownership Counseling
- 65. Substantial Reconstruction of private residential properties on same lot – up to \$15,000
- 66. Water Distribution
- 67. Lead Reduction NOT incidental to rehab
- 68. Asbestos Inspection

\*Job training activities must be: 1) approved by Job Development and Training or the Private Industry Council, and 2) be related to training for the jobs related to regional cluster developments.

3) Ineligible Activities are as follows:

- a) Maintenance or operation costs. \*\*
- b) General government expenses.
- c) Political activities.
- d) Improvements to city halls and courthouses, except those required to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- e) Purchase of equipment, except for fire protection, public services, landfills, or recreation.
- f) Income payments, except for loss of rental income due to displacement.
- g) Application preparation costs or a bonus award for writing a successful application.
- h) Religious purposes.

**\*\* Maintenance and Operation Costs:** Any cost that recurs on a regular basis (generally, less than five years) is considered a maintenance or operation cost, therefore ineligible for CDBG assistance. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide these revenues from user fees or taxes. Additionally, if such maintenance or operation revenues are not sufficient to adequately support a facility or service assisted by CDBG funds, the project will not be awarded. The determination whether such revenues are sufficient will be made by the applicant's professional engineer, the Department of Natural Resources (for related projects), and/or DED. The preliminary engineering report required for all public works projects should discuss the revenues available for operation and maintenance of the facility or service.

4) **Application Submission:** Only one application may be submitted in any individual category by a city or county on behalf of itself. A city may submit one other application for activities to be carried out on behalf of a sub-recipient public body or an incorporated non-profit agency. A county may submit two other applications for activities to be carried out on behalf of a sub-recipient public body or an incorporated non-profit agency. In all instances, the application must represent the applicant's community development or housing needs. An applicant (or sub-recipient) must have legal jurisdiction to operate in (or serve) the proposed project area (or beneficiaries). Proof must be submitted with the application. As the grantee, the city or county has final responsibility for the project implementation and compliance. There is no limit on the number of applications that may be submitted for economic development and emergency projects. The State reserves the right to place a limit on grants under its interim financing program. All applications must be submitted on forms prescribed by DED and in accordance with the guidelines issued for each program. While an applicant may be selected as a grantee, the final grant amount and scope of activities may be modified by DED.

5) **Application Request Limits:** The following are the minimum and maximum amount of funds an applicant may request per application:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Water and Wastewater Eng. facility plan/plans & specs grants	\$10,000 \$5,000	\$500,000 or \$5,000/household <b>80% of amount equal to ASCE table, not to exceed \$50,000</b>
Community Facility	\$10,000	\$300,000 or \$5,000/household
Other Public Needs	\$10,000	\$400,000 or \$5,000/household
Accessibility improvements (Americans with Disabilities Act)	\$10,000	\$250,000 or \$5,000/household
Rural Affordable Housing RFP	\$10,000	\$250,000 or \$5,000/household
Demolition	\$10,000	\$125,000 for housing demolition; up to \$400,000 if commercial demolition is included
Downtown Revitalization	\$10,000	\$400,000
Microenterprise	\$10,000	\$100,000 or \$15,000/job
Emergency	N/A	\$500,000 or \$5,000/household

#### NOTES RELEVANT TO PROGRAM CATEGORIES

- The maximum CDBG funds allowed per project, combining the Industrial Infrastructure grant and Action Fund loan, may not exceed \$1.5 million. The maximum CDBG funds (not including float loans) outstanding for any company (or related companies, including parent, subsidiaries, or ownership of 51% or more in a company), regardless of location in Missouri, may not exceed \$3 million. The amount outstanding is based on the principal amount remaining for loans, or, for infrastructure grants, the original grant amount with a 10-year declining basis.
- Demolition applications are eligible in the Other Public Needs category. Housing demolition only applications are limited to \$125,000; if commercial demolition is included the maximum application is raised to \$400,000. Commercial demolition only is also set at a maximum of \$400,000. For commercial properties in the demolition application, the owner of the commercial property is responsible for 20% of the demolition costs for that property. All properties must be vacant and infeasible to rehabilitate. The State will award no more than \$600,000 of FY08 funds for housing demolition (in aggregate).
- Engineering facility plan/plans and specs applications must meet LMI national objective and project must be listed on Missouri Department of Natural Resources Intended Use Plan or have a USDA Rural Development letter of conditions.

The limits for the Industrial Infrastructure grant are based upon a scale as follows:

<u>Grant Amount</u>	<u>Maximum Per Job</u>	<u>Maximum as a Percent of Company's Capital Investment</u>
Up to \$500,000	\$10,000	35%
next \$250,000	\$5,000	20%
next \$250,000	\$3,000	8%
next \$500,000	\$2,000	2%

6) Low and Moderate Income Requirements:

- a) Low and moderate income (LMI) is defined for the CDBG program as 80% of the median income of the county. The most recent available HUD Section 8 income limits specified by county are applicable to the CDBG program.
- b) At least 51% of the beneficiaries of a public facility/public project activity must be low and moderate-income (LMI) persons and families, and 100% of the beneficiaries of housing activities must be LMI. At least 51% of the hookups of a project funded under the water and wastewater category must also be residential. At least 51% of the beneficiaries of economic development projects must be low and moderate-income persons.
- c) Emergency projects must meet the test of Section 104(b)(3) of the Act which states "*...activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs...*"
- d) Funding for certain projects may utilize the **limited clientele** criteria outlined in the regulation for meeting the required national objective criteria. Those persons defined as limited clientele are automatically considered LMI. Further guidance can be found at 24 CFR 570.208 of September 6, 1988, and published state guidelines.
- e) The estimated amount of CDBG funds which will benefit LMI persons is \$21,695,000 or 82% of the non-administrative allocation for FY2007. HUD requires that a minimum of 70% of the state's annual allocation be awarded on projects benefiting primarily LMI persons. This amount is derived by the following calculations:

\$23,714,036 (Total grant)  
 - \$574,280 (State administration)  
 - \$237,140 (State technical assistance)  
- \$1,000,000 (Estimated local administration)  
 \$21,902,616 (Total non-administrative funds)

\$500,000 (Demolition only – slums and blight)  
 \$500,000 (Emergency – urgent need)  
+ \$3,500,000 (Downtown Revitalization – slum/blight)

\$4,500,000 (Total non-LMI benefit)

\$21,902,616 (Total non-administrative funds)

- \$4,500,000 (Total non-LMI benefit)

\$17,402,616 (Total LMI benefit)

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÷ \$21,902,616 (Total non-administrative funds)

79% (Percent total estimated LMI benefit)

- 7) **Performance Requirements for Past Grantees:** Any grantee with a delinquent audit for any year, whether or not the grant is closed, is ineligible to apply for funding. This applies to all CDBG categories. The exception to this is for those counties that have delinquent audits, but are audited by the State Auditor's office. Also, a grantee with any **open** project awarded prior to March 15, 2006, which is not **closed** by March 15, 2008, is ineligible to apply in **any** FY2008 funding category. All documentation necessary for close-out must be received by March 1, 2008. This may apply to the grantee or the on behalf of applicant(s), whichever is applicable.
- 8) In addition, a grant applicant with a current project which has an outstanding monitoring finding made prior to February 1, 2008 and notified of by February 15, 2008 and which is unresolved at the time of application deadline, will have a five-point deduction made in the scoring of the application. Additional points may be deducted for missing application forms or other required application steps. Certain applications deficiencies may result in ineligibility. A list of all potential deficiencies, resulting in point deductions or ineligibility, will be provided as part of the application.
- 9) **Contingent Funding:** If an applicant proposes other state, federal, local, or private funds, or any other contingency item, **which are unconfirmed at the time of application**, they will be ineligible for FY2008 funds, except for otherwise specifically categories. The only other exceptions are bond elections, tax credit donations, and where referenced in the categories in the application. Applicants should notify DED of election results within a week of the election. If election fails, the application will be withdrawn from the consideration.
- 10) **Affordable Rents:** The state must provide criteria for *affordable rents* according to CFR 570.208(a)(3) as published September 6, 1988. The state will use HUD's Section 8 assisted Housing Program Fair Market Rents for this purpose.
- 11) **First-time Homebuyer:** The term first-time homebuyer means an individual or an individual and her or his spouse who have not owned a home during the prior 3-year period. A first-time homebuyer may purchase a home with CDBG downpayment assistance, except that:
  - a) Any individual who is a displaced homemaker may not be excluded from consideration as a first-time homebuyer under this guideline on the basis that the individual, while a homemaker, owned a home with her or his spouse or resided in a home owned by the spouse;
  - b) Any individual who is a single parent may not be excluded from consideration as a first-time homebuyer under this guideline on the basis that the individual, while married, owned a home with her or his spouse or resided in a home owned by the spouse; and

- c) An individual shall not be excluded from consideration as a first-time homebuyer under this guideline on the basis that the individual owns or owned, as a principal residence during such 3-year period, a dwelling unit whose structure is –
  - i. not on a permanent foundation in accordance with local or other applicable regulations, or
  - ii. not in compliance with state, local, or model building codes, or other applicable codes, and cannot be brought into compliance with such codes for less than the cost of constructing a permanent structure, or
  - iii. a mobile home, not attached to a permanent foundation, and which is not considered real estate by the state.

The household may not own another residence even if that residence is rented.

In addition, recovering victims of catastrophic loss (e.g., the death of the family's principal wage earner, a failed self-employment business situation, loss of employment due to factory shutdown or an employer's reduction in force), victims of domestic violence that are legally separated from their spouses, and households who have purchased a home on a contractual basis but would otherwise qualify are also eligible as first-time homebuyers.

12) Displacement Policy: The state will discourage applicants from proposing displacement, unless a feasible alternative exists. Alternatives will be reviewed for feasibility, and technical assistance will be provided to applicants in order to minimize displacement. If displacement must occur, assistance under one of the following will be provided, depending upon the circumstances: the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970, as amended; Section 104(d), Section 104(k), or 105(a)(11) of the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended.

13) Program Income: Program income is the gross income received by a grantee or its sub-recipient from any grant-supported activity.

- a) Program income includes, but is not limited to:
  - i. Income from fees for services performed;
  - ii. Proceeds from the sale of commodities or items fabricated under a grant agreement;
  - iii. Income from the sale or rental of real or personal properties acquired with grant funds;
  - iv. Payments of principal and interest on loans made with grant funds, including payback on deferred loans.
- b) If interest in excess of \$100 is earned on grant funds for any calendar year, the excess must be returned to the U.S. Treasury through DED.
- c) Uses of program income:
  - i. Program income shall be used prior to draw down of additional active grant funds unless a reuse plan has been approved prohibiting same;
  - ii. Used in accordance with requirements of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act;
  - iii. If generated by activities other than economic development loans, the expenditure shall be used for block grant eligible activities as approved by the state; and

- iv. Program income generated by economic development loans shall be returned to the state.
- d) Local governments shall report the receipt and expenditure of program income to the Department of Economic Development as of June 30 and as of December 31 of each year, within fifteen days after each date.

14) Professional Services: An applicant has the option to select their engineer, architect, or administrator for their CDBG project prior to the preparation of an application or after a grant is awarded. They must, however, comply with state established procedures in their procurement practices if CDBG funds are to be used to finance such services. If the services are engineering or architectural, an applicant must comply with RSMo 8.285-8.292, unless a similar policy has been enacted by the applicant. If CDBG funds will be used for such professional services, there will be a maximum cost based on prescribed standards as follows:

- a) Engineering Design – standards set by ASCE Manual #45, pages 37 to 42.
- b) Architectural Design – 10% of construction costs.
- c) Construction Inspection – 75% of the cost of engineering design (a) or architectural design (b).
- d) Administration - 3% of the non-administrative CDBG project costs plus \$10,000 (water/wastewater, downtown revitalization, community facility, and other public needs projects); 3% of the non-administrative CDBG project costs plus \$10,000 (economic development industrial infrastructure); 3% of the non-administrative CDBG project costs plus \$4,000 (emergency); 3% plus \$5,000 (microenterprise). For Rural Affordable Housing RFP projects, administration cannot exceed \$3,000 in CDBG funds. There are no administration funds offered from CDBG for engineering plans and specification or planning projects. These amounts represent the maximum amounts available for CDBG projects. The state reserves the right to apply less money to a project of low complexity. It is not DED policy to include administration funding on loan projects (Action Fund, Speculative Building, Interim Financing). Administrative costs related to loan projects are generally a local responsibility.
- e) Audit – as required.
- f) Other Professional Services – negotiated.
- g) Demolition inspection – \$425/unit

Note: One firm or any principal or employee thereof cannot perform both engineering and administrative services on the same grant, regardless of source of payment. Professional services amounts will be based upon and approved for CDBG activities only.

15) The final rule of the new federal procurement regulations appeared in the April 19, 1995, Federal Register. This Public Law 103-355 replaces OMB-102, 24 CFR Part 85.36, and the common rule regarding procurement. If a state does not wish to adopt PL 103-355, which raises the maximum for small purchases bidding for goods or services from \$25,000 to \$100,000, it must formally adopt statewide standards or use specific rules under the CDBG program. For FY2007, the requirements of PL 103-355 apply to the CDBG program, **except** the threshold requirements for small purchases shall remain at \$25,000.

16) Timely expenditure of funds. HUD measures the:

- Obligation rate of funds (95% @ 12 months and 100% @ 15 months) and,

- Expenditure rate of funds (a percentage of the amount of funds available in the line of credit as compared to the total annual award amount; not to exceed 2.0-2.5)

The State achieves the required obligation ratios. However, the State does not always achieve the targeted expenditure rate of 2.0-2.5 measured at each month-end. It is imperative that recipient communities draw and spend the funds in a responsible time period. This requires close attention to project management.

17) Department of Economic Development direction, outcomes, and desired uses of funds:

- Priority for CDBG will be those projects making an economic impact to the community: increased jobs, increased private investment, and/or increased local revenue streams;
- Flexible, eligible uses of CDBG funds to meet the demands of the difficult and changing economic climate is important. The public is encouraged to suggest program opportunities consistent with the priorities listed above, and the Department may enlist them as amendments to this plan.

#### CDBG FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

18) Distribution Among Categories: The estimated amount of CDBG funds the state will receive from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for FY2008 is \$23,500,000.

Category	Allocation	Percentage
Water and Wastewater	\$7,302,616	31%
Community Facility	\$2,000,000	8%
Other Public Needs	\$3,200,000	14%
Emergency	\$500,000	2%
Economic Development	\$6,400,000	27%
Downtown Revitalization		
DREAM Communities - \$2,500,000	\$3,500,000	15%
Other downtown - \$1,000,000		
State Administration	\$574,280	2%
State Technical Assistance	\$237,140	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,714,036</b>	<b>100%</b>

- a) Categorical Adjustment - The Department of Economic Development shall reserve 10% of the total CDBG allocation for use as needed among categories. The amount for state administration may not exceed \$100,000 plus 2% of the total allocation. The Department reserves the right to allocate up to 1% of the total annual amount for technical assistance activities in accordance with the Department Housing and Urban Development regulations.
- b) Other Funds Distribution - Funds recaptured or otherwise reallocated from a previous fiscal year CDBG, state and HUD allocation may be allocated to any program category as determined by the Department. Program income recaptured by the state will be first distributed to the economic development category (as needed) and then to the downtown revitalization category, and the program income received from interim financing projects

shall be used to honor previous funding commitments. The state may use up to 2% of all program income for state administration.

- c) The maximum amount of FY2008 funds that will be awarded for Interim Financing projects will be \$7,000,000 for 12, 18, and 24-month loans. The Department may extend the individual term of any interim financing loan beyond the agreed upon period subsequent to the Department's written determination and justification of the need for and feasibility of such an extension. The total amounts of CDBG funds committed to interim financing projects will not exceed \$12,000,000, per annual allocation, regardless of any extensions of the loan term.
- d) In the event the amount received from HUD is different from the amount identified in this document, the difference will be reflected as closely as feasible to the percentages above.
- e) The maximum outstanding amount of loans that the state would approve under the Section 108 program would be \$100 million, or \$7 million per year in outstanding aggregate debt service. The 108 loan may be subordinate to other loan funding in a project.

19) **Selection Criteria by Category:** The criteria used to select the projects in the various CDBG programs are presented below. Detailed guidance is provided in application materials developed for each program.

### **Water and Wastewater – Construction funds**

Cycle – Open cycle based on availability of funding.

National Objective - Minimum 51% LMI benefit for community-wide or target area projects. LMI benefit may be documented by HUD census data or survey conducted in accordance with prescribed standards.

Eligible Activities - Water and wastewater activities only, including treatment, distribution, and collection. Normal operation and maintenance activities are not eligible. Projects must benefit 51% or more residential units.

Application Procedure - Applicants anticipating the use of state and/or federal funds to finance water or wastewater system improvements must complete a preliminary project proposal, consisting of a two-page summary and preliminary engineering report. Each project proposal will be reviewed by the Missouri Water and Wastewater Review Committee (MWWRC). The MWWRC is comprised of the Missouri Department of Economic Development (Community Development Block Grant Program), Missouri Department of Natural Resources (State Revolving Fund), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Rural Development). The MWWRC review process will occur as follows:

- 20) An original and five copies (**six total**) of the project proposal are submitted to one of the MWWRC agencies.
- 21) Upon receipt, the receiving agency distributes the project proposal to the remainder of the MWWRC members.
- 22) The committee will meet twice a month. Proposals received between the 1st and the 15th of any month will be placed on the meeting agenda for the 15th of the following month. Any proposal received between the 16th and the 31st of the month will be placed on the meeting agenda for the 30th of the following month.

23) Following its review, the MWWRC will reply to the applicant by written correspondence. This correspondence shall include a summary of the MWWRC comments pertinent to the technical, operational, or financial aspect of the project proposal. Substantive comments by the MWWRC must be resolved prior to receiving a recommendation from the MWWRC. A recommendation from the MWWRC will state the appropriate agency or multiple agencies from which to seek financial assistance. However, a recommendation from the MWWRC does not assure funding from each appropriate agency. Each agency on the MWWRC will receive a copy of all correspondence stated above.

24) Each funding agency will follow its own full application process. Applicants seeking funding from multiple agencies must submit a full application to each particular agency.

25) If a full application varies significantly from the recommended project proposal, or if the facts have changed such that the feasibility of the proposed warrants further investigation, any member of the MWWRC may request that the project be reviewed again.

26) Assistance will be recommended only to the extent necessary to complete project activities over and above local efforts, and for solutions considered appropriate and feasible by the MWWRC.

If a project proposal receives a recommendation from the MWWRC, a full CDBG application is required for submission. The following selection criteria will be used in reviewing the full application.

Selection Criteria –

*27) Need (35 points)*

- 0-12 pts – Health and Safety
- 0-10 pts – Environmental Damage
- 0-06 pts – Economic Impact
- 0-04 pts – Property Damage

A maximum of three (3) points will be distributed to projects representing these priorities:

- Lack of existing needed facility (3 points): Needed facility represents elimination of a threat and safety and at the same time is offered to a community that has the TMF capacity to own it.
- System Failure (3 points): Not related to poor operation and maintenance; failure proven to the degree of documentation – DNR support.
- Obsolescence of an existing facility – not defined as “design life” (2 points): Asbestos pipe, lead, radionuclides
- Regulatory requirements which mandate improvements (2 points): Differentiate between abatement orders versus abatement due to poor operation and maintenance.
- Natural or manmade disaster (2 points): Defining manmade to include pollution or contamination, not poor operation and maintenance.
- Improper design of existing facility (1 point): Definition must include what it is causing.
- Significant and unexpected growth (1 point): Economic development driven, regionalization, and government driven.
- Comprehensive, strategic, or capital improvement plan (2 points)

- Inherent social/economic factors (2 points): Unemployment, age, LMI.
- Potential or anticipated growth (0 points)
- Improper maintenance (0 points)

28) *Impact (35 points)*

0-10 pts – Strategy  
 0-10 pts – Cost Effectiveness  
 0-10 pts – Operation and Maintenance  
 0-05 pts – Project Readiness

29) *Local Effort (25 points)*

0-15 pts – Leveraging: Leveraging is defined as the percentage of local funds dedicated to the project in relation to what the applicant's budget/financial statement shows available.  
 0-05 pts – Taxes: Tax score is defined as the revenues or taxes the applicant receives divided by population and per capita income, and multiplied by 100.  
 0-05 pts – In-Kind Contribution: Points are awarded to applicants committing in-kind or non-cash related services to the project.

30) *Past Efforts (5 points)*

0-05 pts – Past efforts are defined as all previous actions taken by the applicant to address the need.

**Water and Wastewater – Engineering facility plan/plans and specs grants**

Cycle - Open cycle based upon availability of funds.

National Objective - Minimum 51% LMI for community wide or target area projects. LMI benefit may be documented by HUD census data or survey conducted in accordance with prescribed standards.

Eligible activities – Allows for procurement of a professional engineer to complete the facility plan and plans and specifications necessary for progress in the State Revolving Loan Fund Intended Use Plan process to access loan funds. Applicants must be on the IUP and must demonstrate an inability to finance the engineering. Engineering costs only, no administration.

Selection Criteria –

31) *Need (35 points)*

0-12 pts – Health and safety  
 0-06 pts – Environment  
 0-05 pts – Property damage  
 0-12 pts – Urgency

32) *Impact (35 points)*

0-08 pts – Number of beneficiaries  
 0-11 pts – Timeline established  
 0-07 pts – Future sustainability

0-09 pts – Unserved population (expansion)

33) *Local Effort (30 points)*

0-15 pts – Leveraging: Leveraging is defined as the percentage of local funds dedicated to the project in relation to what the applicant's budget/financial statement shows available.

0-05 pts – Taxes: Tax score is defined as the revenues or taxes the applicant receives divided by population and per capita income, and multiplied by 100.

0-10 pts – TMF and in-kind

Priorities for all Water/Wastewater Projects: Projects that have achieved a responsible level of local participation by pursuing their debt capacity; projects that have initiated a responsible rate structure that provide adequately for operation and maintenance, employee overhead, debt service, reserve, and emergency funding; projects that represent a solid history of operation and maintenance; projects that can indicate the use of CDBG funds will provide rate affordability; projects that meet threats to health and safety.

**Community Facility**

Cycle – Application deadline – April 1, 2008. Competitive process.

National Objective - Minimum 51% LMI benefit for community-wide or target area projects. LMI benefit may be documented by HUD census data, survey conducted in accordance with prescribed standards, or Limited Clientele if criteria met.

Eligible Activities – Senior center, day care center, community center, youth center, telecommunications, emergency 911, health center and all eligible activities designed to provide a service or group of services from one central location for a prescribed area of residents or users. This may include the infrastructure necessary to support the facility as well.

Selection Criteria –

34) *Need (35 points)*

0-07 pts – Health and Safety

0-07 pts – Education

0-07 pts – Lack of Existing Facility

0-06 pts – Number of Potential Users

0-04 pts – Economic Impact

0-04 pts – Measurable Outcomes or Goals

35) *Impact (35 points)*

0-10 pts – Strategy

0-10 pts – Cost Effectiveness

0-10 pts – Operation and Maintenance

0-05 pts – Project Readiness

36) *Local Effort (25 points)*

0-15 pts – Leveraging: Leveraging is defined as the percentage of local funds dedicated to the project in relation to what the applicant's budget/financial statement shows available.

0-05 pts – Taxes: Tax score is defined as the revenues or taxes the applicant receives divided by population and per capita income, and multiplied by 100.

0-05 pts – In-Kind Contribution: Points are awarded to applicants committing in-kind or non-cash related services to the project.

*37) Past Efforts (5 points)*

0-05 pts – Past efforts are defined as all previous actions taken by the applicant to address the need.

**Other Public Needs**

Cycle – Application deadline – May 1, 2008. Competitive process.

National Objective - Minimum 51% LMI benefit for community-wide or target area projects. LMI benefit may be documented by HUD census data or survey conducted in accordance with prescribed standards. Slum/blight removal is also possible national objective.

Eligible Activities – Eligible activities which are not addressed with an existing CDBG funding category. These activities may include, but are not limited to, other public infrastructure, demolition (see below for residential demolition), accessibility-Americans with Disabilities Act (see below)), Rural Affordable Housing Development (match for Low Income Housing Tax Credits)(see below), or any other activity deemed important for the economic growth of the community.

Priorities – Applications which focus on infrastructure or redevelopment activities.

Contingent funding – Projects may be awarded on a contingent basis to allow application periods for other matching funds.

Selection Criteria –

*38) Need (35 points)*

0-07 pts – Health and Safety

0-07 pts – Number of Persons Impacted

0-07 pts – Documentation of Problem

0-07 pts – Economic Impact

0-07 pts – Measurable Outcomes or Goals

*39) Impact (35 points)*

0-10 pts – Strategy

0-10 pts – Cost Effectiveness

0-10 pts – Operation and Maintenance

0-05 pts – Project Readiness

*40) Local Effort (25 points)*

0-15 pts – Leveraging: Leveraging is defined as the percentage of local funds dedicated to the project in relation to what the applicant's budget/financial statement shows available.

0-05 pts – Taxes: Tax score is defined as the revenues or taxes the applicant receives divided by population and per capita income, and multiplied by 100.

0-05 pts – In-Kind Contribution: Points are awarded to applicants committing in-kind or non-cash related services to the project.

41) *Past Efforts (5 points)*

0-05 pts – Past efforts are defined as all previous actions taken by the applicant to address the need.

**Other Public Needs – Residential Demolition**

Cycle – Application deadline – May 1, 2008. Competitive process.

National Objective – Generally is based on spot slum/blight removal. LMI property owners could be eligible based on LMI.

Eligible activities – Demolition, demolition inspection, asbestos inspection, asbestos removal, administration.

Selection criteria:

**1) Need and Impact (45 points)**

0-20 pts – Number of units proposed compared to total dilapidated units, both occupied and vacant (2D/D+DX)

0-20 pts – Number of units proposed compared to the total number of vacant dilapidated units (2D/DX)

0-05 pts – Number of units proposed for demolition as a percent of total vacant units (2D/total X)

**2) Community Assets/Efforts (10 points)**

0-04 pts – Past clean up activities by community

0-02 pts – Community organizational participation in this project

0-04 pts – Applicant’s future actions to control property maintenance and unsafe structures long term plan

**3) Leveraging (15 points)**

0-15pts – Document \$1,000 cash or in-kind match for each unit proposed for demolition  
Commercial property owners must commit 20% of the demolition costs of their structure in writing as a cash commitment

**4) Strategy (30 points)**

0-10 pts – Interest of applicant and property owners; code enforcement

0-05 pts – Demolition need vs. other strategies; overall strategy

0-10 pts – Project readiness; ready to start/capacity to complete

0-05 pts – Size/cost/hazardous waste (especially asbestos) identified; cost effectiveness

## **Other Public Needs - ADA**

Cycle - Application deadline – May 1, 2008. Competitive process.

National Objective - LMI benefit may be documented through census data or by using the definition of “limited clientele.”

Eligible Activities - Elevator and chair lift construction activities are prioritized. Major restroom renovations necessary to achieve compliance with the Act may be proposed subject to the availability of funds.

Threshold Criteria - An applicant must submit a plan for addressing all phases of accessibility that have not yet been achieved. The proposed project must be an integral part of this plan and must receive clearance from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) prior to application submission.

Selection Criteria –

**42) *Need (35 points)***

0-09 pts – Population of Disabled and Elderly Persons

0-09 pts – Number of Floors Requiring Public Access

0-09 pts – Number and Type of Activities Conducted in Facility

0-08 pts – Special Health and Safety Concerns

**43) *Impact (35 points)***

0-10 pts – Strategy

0-10 pts – Cost Effectiveness

0-10 pts – Operation and Maintenance

0-05 pts – Project Readiness

**44) *Local Effort (25 points)***

0-15 pts – Leveraging: Leveraging is defined as the percentage of local funds dedicated to the project in relation to what the applicant’s budget/financial statement shows available.

0-05 pts – Taxes: Tax score is defined as the revenues or taxes the applicant receives divided by population and per capita income, and multiplied by 100.

0-05 pts – In-Kind Contribution: Points are awarded to applicants committing in-kind or non-cash related services to the project.

**45) *Past Efforts (5 points)***

0-05 pts – Past efforts are defined as all previous actions taken by the applicant to address the need. This may include efforts to access or develop other funding sources, use of force account labor, or other resources to achieve specific aspects of the local accessibility plan or other relevant efforts.

## **Other Public Needs - Affordable Housing RFP**

Cycle – Application deadline – May 1, 2008. Competitive process.

National Objective – 51% public facilities; 100% direct housing. LMI may be documented by HUD census data or survey conducted in accordance with prescribed standards.

Eligible Activities – applicants may submit proposals using prescribed form for all eligible activities necessary to construct or rehabilitate single family or multi-family housing. Off-site infrastructure, construction, acquisition, professional services, etc. are all eligible activities. Housing developed for homeownership shall not exceed 30% of LMI buyers' gross income and housing developed for tenant occupancy shall not propose rents that exceed HUD fair market rents.

Contingent funding – Projects may be awarded on a contingent basis to allow application periods for required matching funds.

Selection criteria –

46) *Need (25 points)*

0-20 pts – Documentation of need

0-05 pts – Market study

47) *Impact (45 points)*

0-05 pts – Cost-burdened households

0-05 pts – Overcrowded households

0-05 pts – Households with physical defects

0-05 pts – Local community plan

0-05 pts – Reasonable costs

0-10 pts – Site control

0-10 pts – CDBG subsidy structured in fair manner

48) *Strategy (30 points)*

0-05 pts – Creates single family units with homeownership options

0-05 pts – Redevelops existing rental complexes or historic renovation

0-05 pts – Includes community facility/services

0-05 pts – Includes local partners

0-05 pts – Supported by experienced development team

0-05 pts – Past performance record

Required Match – all applicants submitting an RFP under this program are required to propose applications under the MHDC LIHTC Program.

**Emergency**

Cycle – Open cycle based on availability of funding.

Minimum criteria (other than items previously mentioned in this document) - The need must be a serious threat to health or safety, be immediate, have developed or greatly intensified within the past 18 months, and be unique in relation to the problem not existing in all other communities within the state. Natural disasters are allowable under this program. Also, the applicant must lack the resources to finance the project. Only the **emergency** portion of a project will receive assistance. The applicant must exhaust its resources before CDBG funds may be used.

## **Economic Development**

Cycle – Open cycle based on availability of funding. Approval is based on compliance with eligibility criteria and availability of funds. The minimum eligibility criteria stated below will vary on different types of businesses based on the projected economic impact, such as proposed wages, spin-off benefits, and projected industry growth. The specific eligibility criteria for each type of business will be stated in the program guidelines. When multiple CDBG funding tools are used for a project, CDBG funding from all programs is limited to \$25,000 per job.

Economic Development Infrastructure - Grants for the improvement of public infrastructure, which cause the creation or retention of full-time permanent employment by a private company(s) benefiting from the infrastructure. The grants shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Grant Amount</u>	<u>Maximum Per Job</u>	<u>Maximum as a Percent of Company's Capital Investment</u>
Up to \$500,000	\$10,000	35%
next \$250,000	\$5,000	20%
next \$250,000	\$3,000	8%
next \$500,000	\$2,000	2%

The Department has targeted a 20% match by the community based upon the availability of unencumbered city or county funds. This match may be achieved by, but not limited to, tax abatement, discounted utility fees, cash, or in-kind or any combination thereof. If the community is a distressed area, as defined by the Department, the match requirement may be decreased or waived.

The Department has established manufacturing industries as the priority beneficiary of economic development infrastructure funding. However, certain service industries and incubators are eligible to participate in economic development infrastructure projects. Retail firms are not eligible to participate.

The use of CDBG economic development infrastructure funding is generally limited to publicly owned infrastructure. However, privately owned infrastructure may be addressed with CDBG funding when 1) regulated as a public utility; 2) is a unique circumstance when private funding is unavailable to address the infrastructure; and 3) the project will result in high impact to the local economy in terms of job creation and private investment.

Action Fund - Loans, equity investments, or other type investments may be made to a **private company** for buildings, equipment, working capital, land, and other facilities or improvements in order to cause a project to occur which will result in the creation or retention of full-time permanent employment. Selection shall be determined by the need for assistance through a financial analysis of the company, and the documentation of the public benefit to be derived from the project. CDBG funds are limited to \$750,000 per project, 40% of the project costs, and a maximum CDBG cost per job created or retained will be \$25,000. In the event of retention, up to 100% of a project cost (up to \$100,000) may be funded, and if additional funds are needed, 40% of the remaining project costs (up to a grand total of \$750,000) may be funded. The interest rate of the loan will be determined by DED. The term of the loan will be determined by cash flow projections that will allow for the fastest repayment of principal and interest, but not more than 10 years. Nonprofit, public or quasi-public entities are not eligible to participate in the Action Fund program.

The Department has established manufacturing industries as the priority beneficiary of the Action Fund program. However, certain service industries are eligible to participate in the Action Fund program. Retail firms are not eligible to participate.

*Interim Financing (Float)* - Loans by grantee to a company for buildings, equipment, working capital, land, and other facilities or improvement where appropriate, in order to cause the creation or retention of a full-time employment. Basis of selection shall be the economic impact of the project and the amount of funds necessary to cause the project to occur. Loans are limited to 30% of the project costs, \$25,000 per job created or retained, or \$5 million per project, whichever is less. Loans must be secured by a Letter of Credit from a financial institution acceptable to DED or other acceptable collateral. The grantee shall be made aware of the policy of state recapture of program income.

The Department will continue to offer a program that uses CDBG funds that may be already obligated to projects, but not distributed. Such a program puts such funds at an element of risk. The applicant for interim financing programs shall be made aware of the policy for local retention of program income. Activities which may be performed in this program may include, but are not limited to, interim construction financing and other incentives for the creation of jobs, primarily for low and moderate income persons. No more than \$10,000,000 per funding year will be obligated, in aggregate, for interim financing projects.

*Speculative Industrial Building* - Loans by grantee to non-profit development organization for the purpose of development of a shell building. Funds can be used for the purchase of land, the development of on-site infrastructure, the purchase of an existing building and improvements, or the construction of a new building. The maximum funding available is \$1 million per project. The term of the loan is a maximum of 30 months, payable in lump sum at the end of the term or when the building is sold or has a long term lease (more than 6 months). The interest rate is 1%. Selection is on a first come basis and will be offered to those applicants who meet the following basis eligibility requirements: 1) the loan must be secured by an irrevocable bank letter of credit for 100% of the loan; 2) permanent financing must be secured and guaranteed after the term of the loan in order to ensure payment should the building not be sold or leased by then; 3) the owner of the building must provide evidence of the ability and resources to adequately market the building; and, 4) the applicant must demonstrate a lack of suitable industrial buildings in the area. The department may withhold this program depending on the availability of industrial buildings in the state. No more than \$3,000,000 per funding year will be obligated, in aggregate, in the Speculative Industrial Building Loan program.

*Section 108* - Loans by the grantee to a company for the purpose of job creation limited to the lesser of \$35,000 per new job created or \$7 million per project. Manufacturing, processing, assembly, corporate office, and warehousing/ distributing companies are prioritized for funding. The maximum repayment period is twenty years. The principal security for the loan is a pledge by the state of its current and future CDBG funds. Funding is on an on-going basis with no deadlines. The basis of selection is the need for the 108 loan to cause the project to occur.

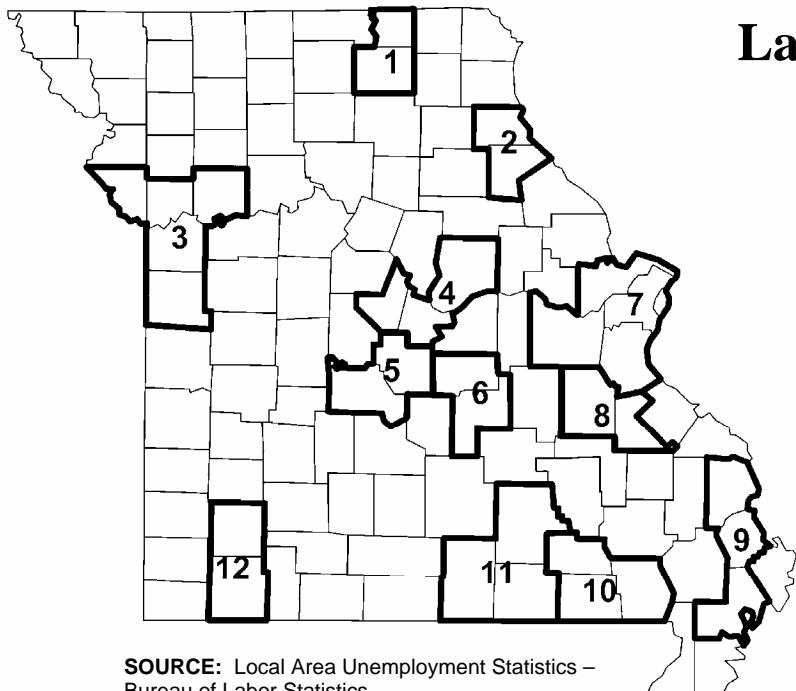
*Microenterprise*: Loans by a grantee (or multiple grantees) to a business with less than five existing employees (including owners) for up to \$25,000 per business, or 70% of the project cost, whichever is lower. Funds may be used for machinery and equipment, working capital, land, and buildings. Loans to more than one company may be included in one grant to a city or county. At least one full-time equivalent job must be created or retained for each \$15,000 in loan proceeds with 51% or more to be low and moderate-income persons. The maximum amount of microloans allowed in any fiscal year will be \$1,000,000.

*Job Training*: A grantee may request funds to subcontract with a qualified non-profit or public entity to provide job training to persons who will be or are presently employed by a company

(for profit or nonprofit). The funds would be used only for instructors, materials, or related training aids and expenses thereof. The maximum grant per company would be \$100,000, or \$2,000 per new job created, whichever is less. At least 51% of the new jobs created must be low and moderate-income persons. The training program must be acceptable to DED. Applications related to the WIRED Initiative, through the Division of Workforce Development, will receive priority in scoring.

**Labor Market Areas:** No CDBG funds may be used in the relocation of a company from one area to another area, if the relocation is likely to result in a significant loss of employment in the labor market area from which the relocation occurs.

The state shall follow the terms outlined in the rule published May 24, 2006, in 24 CFR Part 570, "Prohibition on Use of CDBG Assistance for Job-Pirating Activities."



## Labor Market Areas

1. Adair – Schuyler
2. Marion – Ralls
3. Kansas City
4. Cole – Callaway – Moniteau
5. Camden – Miller
6. Phelps – Maries
7. St. Louis
8. St. Francois – Washington
9. Cape Girardeau – Scott – New Madrid
10. Butler – Ripley – Carter
11. Howell – Oregon – Shannon
12. Lawrence – Barry

Sections of the state not included in the Labor Market Areas are analyzed by county.

## Downtown Revitalization

Cycle – Open cycle based on availability of funding.

**Minimum Criteria** - Architectural design guidelines must be developed for the downtown district and private property improvements must be consistent with these guidelines to qualify as matching funds.

**National Objective** - Projects can address the national objective of elimination of slums and blight, or the 51% low to moderate (LMI) benefit. If utilizing the slums and blight objective, CDBG funds must address the slums and blight conditions in the central business district (CBD). The community must declare a blighted area consistent with the definition found in RsMO Chapter 353 and consistent with the slum and blight national objective criteria published by HUD on May 24, 2006 (24 CFR 570). The 51% LMI benefit can be met by using the community's LMI census data or conducting a household survey. The 51% LMI benefit can also be met through new job creation if guidelines relating jobs specific to the downtown project are met. The maximum funded per job created will be \$10,000.

**Eligible costs** - This program provides grants in aid in the improvement of public facilities within a definable downtown central business district (CBD). The maximum grant is \$400,000 and requires \$1 in private matching funds for every \$1 in CDBG funds.

**Selection Criteria –**

**49) Need (35 points)**

- 0-07 pts – Physical Revitalization Need
- 0-07 pts – Value of revitalization plan (realistic, attainable, logical, etc.)
- 0-07 pts – Parking/Accessibility
- 0-07 pts – Number of businesses in Revitalization Area
- 0-07 pts – Number of persons employed in Revitalization Area

**50) Impact (35 points)**

- 0-06 pts – Design guidelines and implementation
- 0-06 pts – Effective Marketing Plans
- 0-06 pts – Downtown organization capacity/business participation
- 0-06 pts – Relationship of project to revitalization plan
- 0-06 pts – Cost effectiveness
- 0-05 pts – Project readiness

**51) Local Effort (25 points)**

- 0-15 pts – Leveraging: Leveraging is defined as the percentage of local funds dedicated to the project in relation to what the applicant's budget/financial statement shows available.
- 0-05 pts – Taxes: Tax score is defined as the revenues or taxes the applicant receives divided by the population and per capita income, and multiplied by 100.
- 0-05 pts – In-Kind Contribution: Points are awarded to applicants committing in-kind or non-cash related services to the project.

**52) Past Efforts (5 points)**

- 0-05 pts – Past efforts are defined as all previous actions taken by the applicant to address the need.

*For further information on rules or policies mentioned in this document,  
contact the CDBG Program at (573) 751-3600.*

# **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Funds**

## THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE FUNDS

### MISSOURI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

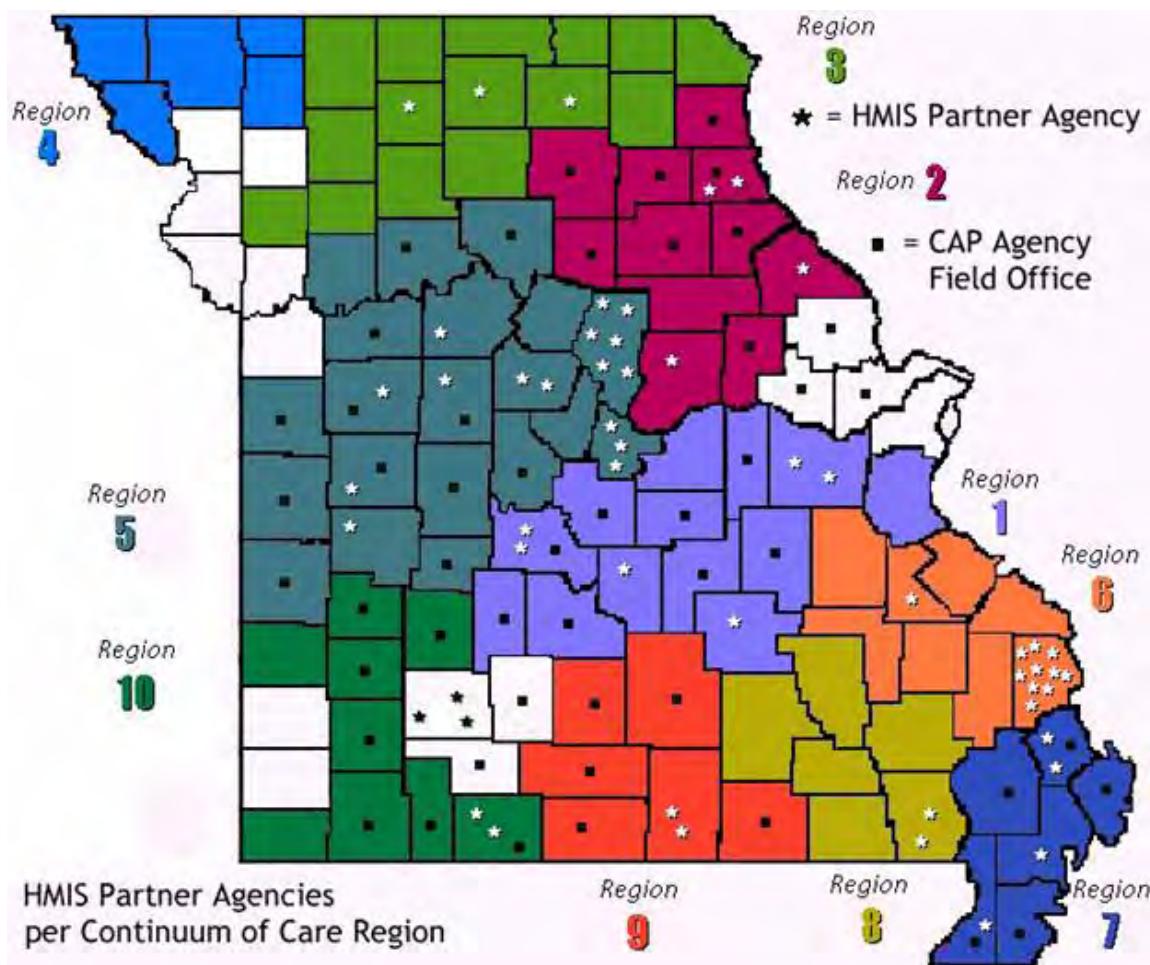
The Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, Pub. L. No. 100-77, 101 Stat. 484, was the first -- and remains the only -- comprehensive federal legislative response to homelessness. President Ronald Reagan signed it into law on July 22, 1987. This marked the federal government's recognition that homelessness is a national problem requiring a federal response.

The Act originally consisted of fifteen new programs providing a range of services to homeless individuals, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, job training, primary health care, education, and permanent housing. In addition, it amended existing programs to include, improve, or expedite access for homeless individuals. As comprehensive legislation, the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act established or affected programs within eight different federal agencies. It included nine titles detailing the specifics of the program specifics.

Title I provided the following definition of homelessness: (1) an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and (2) an individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is -- (A) a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill); (B) an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or (C) a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

Title IV authorized emergency shelter and transitional housing programs administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including the Emergency Shelter Grant program, the Supportive Housing Demonstration Program, Supplemental Assistance for Facilities to Assist the Homeless, and Section 8 Single Room Occupancy Moderate Rehabilitation.

In 1994, HUD instituted the Continuum of Care process as the mechanism for obtaining Supportive Housing, Shelter Plus Care, and Single Room Occupancy Mod Rehab dollars. Missouri Housing Development Commission facilitates the process for the Balance of State Continuum of Care. The Balance of State Continuum of Care does NOT include Greene-Webster-Christian Counties Continuum of Care, Jasper-Newton Counties Continuum of Care, Kansas City Region Continua of Care, St. Charles County Continuum of Care, St. Joseph Region Continuum of Care, St. Louis City Continuum of Care and St. Louis County Continuum of Care.



Ten Regional Housing meetings are held quarterly around the state in the following regions: East Central Region, Northeast Region, North Central Region, Northwest Region, Central Region, Bootheel Region, Southeast Region, South Central Region, Southwest Region, and West Central Region. The Governor's Committee to End

Homelessness is the entity that reviews and prioritizes the applications submitted each year under the Balance of State Continuum of Care. This committee is comprised of two members of the General Assembly, one from each political party, and at least one representative from each of the following state agencies: Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Corrections, Department of Mental Health, Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Economic Development, Division of Youth Services, Division of Workforce Development, Missouri Housing Development Commission and Department of Social Services.

Each county in the Balance of State Continuum of Care receives a pro-rata share of HUD funding and contributes this to one general fund for the Balance of State. In November 2006, Boone County joined the Missouri Balance of State Continuum, helping increase monies available each year from \$2.5 million to \$3 million. Unlike the other funding sources mentioned in the Action Plan, Continuum of Care McKinney-Vento funds are not block granted to the state

but are awarded through a competitive funding process. In the last five years, 28 projects have been funded. In the 2007 Balance of State Continuum, four new permanent housing proposals were submitted to HUD for approval. Each year the request for funding on renewals requires a larger percentage of the funding available. In 2007, there were 10 renewals: five were permanent housing, two transitional housing, and two that were for support services only. In addition, eight were Shelter Plus Care which is funded as a set aside through federal legislation.

The Regional Housing meetings are the forum currently utilized to gather the data necessary to complete the Balance of State Continuum of Care document. It is also the forum used to educate and train service providers and not for profit agencies regarding this funding source. In addition, this group helps with the Point-In-Time Count required by HUD, which is a count of the unsheltered homeless individuals in Missouri on one given night in order to justify a need for services. At the same time, Missouri Association for Social Welfare conducts a sheltered Point-In-Time Count throughout the Balance of State.

In non-metropolitan areas, obtaining a safe, decent affordable home is difficult. Nearly 1.5 million rural homes nationally are considered substandard and, overall, rural areas account for 9 percent of all homeless people in the United States.

- Many areas of the state have a serious shortage of units that meet HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS), which outlines the performance and acceptability requirements for those units of housing.
- The majority of the state lacks units that are available to homeless people.
- Many areas of the state lack affordable units.
- Many people with disabilities and most Department of Mental Health Consumers are in the extremely low-income bracket and require additional subsidy in order to access low-income housing.
- Wait lists for Section 8 vouchers are lengthy. While consumers are on the WaitingList for Section 8, they are highly likely to be living in substandard or inappropriate housing.
- Many homeless shelters are not accessible for those with disabilities.
- There is no statewide database to accurately document the number of homeless individuals in the state.

**NOTE: The 2007 MASW report has not been published. These numbers are tentative and could change. Information will be placed in the plan when the report is published.**

According to the 2007 Missouri Association for Social Welfare report on Missouri Shelter Providers for Homeless People, 1,396 persons in the Balance of State per year are homeless. The number of persons who meet the HUD definition of homeless is 1,050 sheltered and 346 unsheltered persons in a year's time. There are 235 people experiencing chronic homelessness, which HUD defines as an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either continuously been homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. To be considered chronically homeless, persons must

have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets) and/or in emergency shelter during that time.

Sheltered Point-In-Time Count data from 2007 shows 29% of those experiencing homelessness in a shelter have a severe mental illness and 23% are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol. Two percent are people with HIV/AIDS, 17% are survivors of domestic violence, and 4% are Veterans. Homeless youth account for .5% of the homeless population. The data on the number of these persons actually receiving services is unknown.

For the person who is homeless and disabled, multiple barriers exist to accessing various mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment, health, housing, and other social services. There are often gaps in services, as many communities/agencies/organizations do not collaborate to provide a seamless web of health and human services. In rural areas, this problem increases for every person because there are often fewer resources available. This creates an even more difficult situation for those with disabilities. In order to reduce homelessness among people with mental illness, disabilities, and those struggling with substance abuse, several essential services must be provided to help them access the service system more efficiently. Those services include outreach, engagement, and intensive case management/service coordination activities.

Rental subsidies are needed for persons with disabilities in the low and very low-income categories. Accessible low-income multi-family housing at affordable rents is needed. In many rural areas, there is a shortage of quality housing. Additional housing is required for those persons who receive rent subsidy assistance.

Nationwide, about two-thirds of all people with disabilities are unemployed. Studies have shown that many of these people can and want to work however many obstacles exist. Governor's Committee to End Homelessness is working to identify and analyze policies that foster or impede the participation of people with disabilities in rehabilitation or employment programs. Transportation is another serious obstacle to securing housing and/or employment and is a particularly vital need in the non-metropolitan, rural areas of the State.

Recommendations for increasing affordable housing options for those with disabilities include:

- **Develop and implement housing rehabilitation activities to assist consumers in maintaining their home.**
  - Work with area businesses to receive donated services or have grant money as a set-aside specifically designated to help with the basics (heat/air, paint, water heater, etc.)
  - Create a maintenance helpline for people to call to get assistance
  - Keep a record of the most common problems creating a need for assistance, then have classes to teach residents in affordable housing areas these skills
  - Create a list ranking the emergencies of greater urgency in order to know who to help (or first-come, first-serve basis)

- Promote preventative maintenance programs to decrease people moving out of these areas and to lessen the number of abandoned/condemned homes in area
- Start with a package for all new move-ins that includes basic needs for maintenance (plunger, screwdriver, hammer, light bulbs, duck tape, fire extinguisher, nails/screws, etc)
- Have a monthly class that teaches basic maintenance in neighborhoods with affordable housing
- Develop a statewide preservation database
- Develop a newsletter showing new ideas and successful preservation ideas to residents and service providers
- Promote improving whole neighborhoods at a time as a way to give residents something to be proud of and an increased likelihood of maintaining their houses
  
- **Increase the number of units that can be considered affordable housing**
  - Consider purchasing large groups of buildings and contracting to get them renovated (create housing and employment)
  - Collaborate with the HOME program
  - Promote the use of donated materials or affordable materials
  - Solicit residents to assist in building their own homes (this could increase pride and help later with maintaining the home)
  - Educate developers on the benefits of making affordable housing
  - Focus on renovation projects instead of brand new housing
  - Increase Missouri Housing Trust Fund resources to fund supportive housing
  - Work with other state agencies to learn about state-owned land that might be available for use for affordable housing
  - Consider mixed-income housing
  
- **Promote affordable housing as an asset for a healthy, economic viable community**
  - Educate the public that families who spend less on housing will spend more money in the community on food and other necessities.
  - Use money to help rebuild dilapidated neighborhoods; show that affordable housing is better than abandoned houses
  - Encourage more energy efficient affordable housing as it can save the community as well as the resident money and resources
  - Research how much less homeless individuals contribute to the economy than if they live in a home
  - Research how home building has traditionally lead the nation out of recession.
  - Educate about building green affordable housing as an environmentally-sound activity
  - With only new housing in new areas, it is harder for the older neighborhoods to ever revive themselves; if new houses are built in older areas it contributes to the pride that people feel in their neighborhood
  - Encourage building affordable housing in communities with job opportunities near housing

- **Increase awareness of Americans with Disabilities Act laws and discrimination laws through education**
  - Work toward stricter enforcement of ADA standards
  - Create trainings for architects/contractors
  - Consider requiring apartments to make ADA-accessible units on the first floor as a minimum
  - Since Fair Housing states that apartments must be modified (within reason) for those with disabilities, inform residents with disabilities of their rights through a public communication campaign
  - Send Fair Housing reminders to management companies providing housing and consider having apartments/businesses/developers/management companies take ADA compliance quizzes to see how well they are following guidelines
- **Increase utilization of Continuum of Care monies for permanent, supportive housing**
  - Consider a set-aside to be spent on permanent housing
  - Encourage renovation of existing housing that could be developed into permanent housing
  - Educate people on the need/benefit of creating more permanent housing through rehabilitation
  - Strengthen the relationship between service organizations and housing
- **Increase access to mainstream services for those experiencing homelessness**
  - Increase outreach and education; send speakers to shelters and create pocket sized waterproof resource guides providing information on resources, their operating hours and their locations.
  - Consider a shuttle system from shelters to homeless resources or even one that will pick up people on the streets and transport them to shelters
  - Educate state institutions about helping clients get housing upon exit of their program
  - Create more re-entry programs and enforce the execution of Home Plans
  - Get government involved to ensure services are available
  - Create more accessible transportation options
- **Coordinate with Public Housing Agencies to assure that they apply for all rental assistance vouchers designated for people with disabilities**
  - Send mailings to agencies stating all vouchers available and details about how to apply
  - Hold trainings educating agencies about vouchers and how to obtain them
- **Implement State Action Plan to end homelessness in Missouri**
  - Look for opportunities to create more employment and housing
  - Work together with agencies to increase awareness and improve cooperation
  - Connect institutions to available housing resources so that they can send their clients straight to housing resources
  - Work on services that allow those who were previously homeless access to continuing services once they are placed in a home

- Obtain more funding for Housing Authorities to enable them to create more affordable housing in their area
- Implement statewide database that allows collaboration between all Continua in Missouri to better identify need and increase resources to meet that need

- **Implement State Action Plan to end chronic homelessness**
  - Create more housing for those with mental illnesses, drug and alcohol issues, and disabilities
  - Focus more on supportive housing
  - Offer more rehabilitative services in shelters, not just emergency services but supportive services as well

Consider halfway homes for homeless individuals to help them prepare to live alone and maintain a house, budget, etc

# **Lead Based Paint**

## **REQUIRED PROCEDURE FOR EXISTING HOUSING HOMEBUYER PROGRAMS OR FOR ACQUISITION & RELOCATION ACTIVITIES WHEN USING CDBG FUNDS**

24 CFR 35 Subpart A provides the compliance procedures that the state's CDBG grantees will be required to follow when implementing activities to acquire homes or relocate tenants that involves the use CDBG funds. The state program will require grantees to adhere to the following procedures.

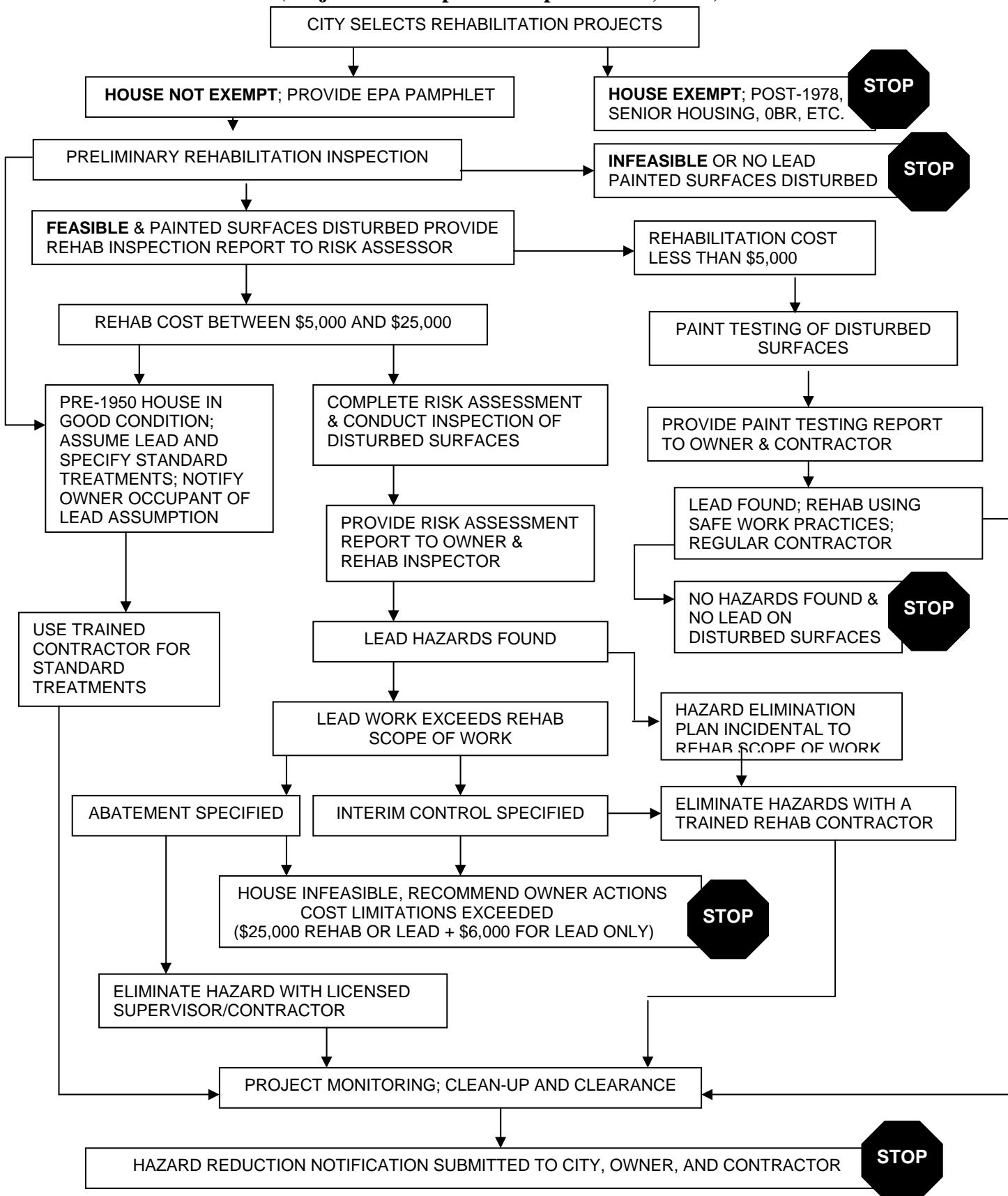
For Homebuyer Programs or Relocation & Acquisition Activities:

- 53) Determine if the property is exempt from lead requirements using the same criteria as identified in "Step 3" under rehabilitation. 24 CFR 35.86 exempts post-1978 constructed houses, 0-bedroom dwellings, and housing for the elderly or persons with disabilities.
- 54) Sellers, lessors, or their agents must provide LMI homebuyers and lessees the EPA pamphlet, "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home."
- 55) Sellers, lessors, or their agents must meet the lead disclosure requirement. They must disclose to the buyer her/his knowledge of any known lead-base paint and/or lead-based paint hazards at the premise. The seller must provide any information that is the basis of a disclosed lead paint or lead hazard, such as a lead risk assessment report.
- 56) Seller must notify and allow the buyer a 10-day period to conduct a lead risk assessment before the buyer is obligated under any contract to purchase the home (see Subpart A 35.90a). The buyer may waive that right, but the waiver must be in writing. Alternatively, the buyer and seller may agree in writing to a different time period for the risk assessment. However, if the disclosure takes place after the buyer makes an offer, the seller must complete the disclosure requirements in the above numbers 2, 3, and 4 prior to accepting the buyer's offer.
- 57) Grantees will be required to ensure that the "Lead Warning Statement" that is specified in 35.92(a)(1) and 35.92(b)(1) are included in all sales contracts and leases that involves the use of CDBG funds.
- 58) Grantees will be required to have the sellers, buyers, lessors, lessees, and/or agents certify compliance with numbers 2, 3, 4, and 5 in writing.
- 59) In compliance with 35.92c, grantees will be required to retain copies of the sales contracts and leases with "Lead Warning Statement," the disclosure statements and information, and certifications of the receipt of the requisite documentation.
- 60) The grantee must conduct a visual assessment of all deteriorated paint surfaces and test paint on all deteriorated paint surfaces. The paint testing must be accomplished by a lead risk assessor or inspector licensed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.
- 61) At a minimum, all deteriorated paint surfaces must be stabilized in accordance with procedures for rehabilitation in Steps 7 – 9 above. This includes the use of safe work practices and clearance procedures for non-de minimis surface areas. For non-de minimis surface areas, the use of a licensed lead contractors is required, unless the work activities are coincidental the rehabilitation of the unit.

- 62) Grantees must meet the notice of lead evaluation and reduction requirement of 35.125. They must provide the prospective buyer(s) the risk assessment report and results of the clearance test.
- 63) Clearance must be achieved before occupancy if a vacant unit, or immediately after CDBG assistance is provided where a unit is already occupied.

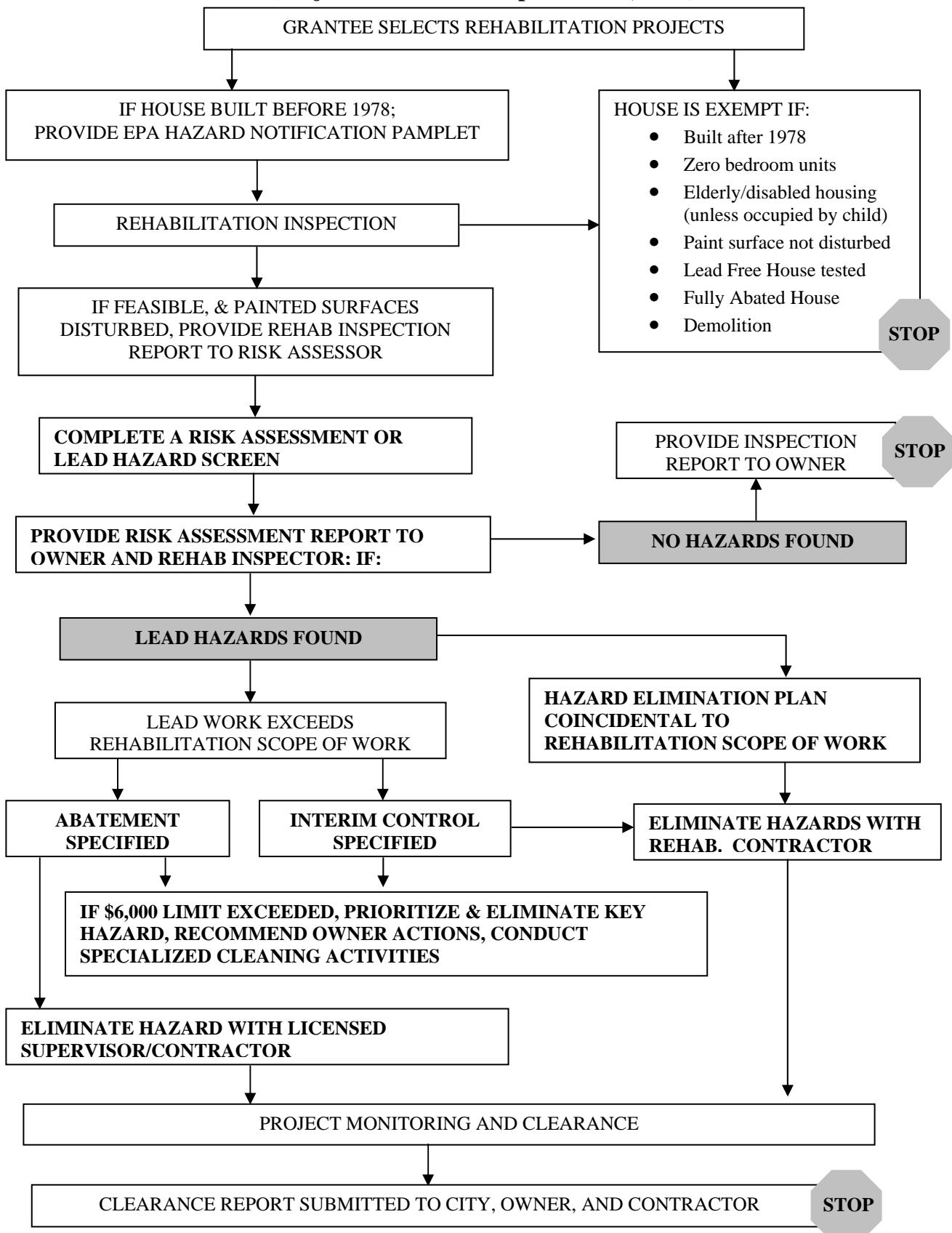
# LEAD-BASED PAINT REHABILITATION PROCEDURE

(Projects funded prior to September 15, 2000.)



# LEAD-BASED PAINT PROCEDURE

**(Projects funded after September 15, 2000)**



## **Lead Based Paint Assessment -- 91.305(c)**

### Background

The Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) has historically followed the lead of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in matters relating to housing. In the 1970s and 1980s, MHDC used the HUD approach to the Lead Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act and the subsequent versions of regulations as presented in the Code of Federal Regulations, No. 24, Part 35. In 1991, these standards were revised extensively for Public and Indian Housing, and in 1992 the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of the Housing and Community Development Act extended some controls into rental housing. The Reduction Act, or Title X, led to the publication in the summer of 1995 of the HUD Guidelines for the Reduction of Lead Based Paint Hazards and the HUD regulations published in September 1999.

Concurrently with these actions, Missouri adopted statutes 701.300 through 701.349 establishing a Lead Commission and a set of standards and qualifications for the licensing of the testing and lead construction abatement industry in Missouri. In 1995, MHDC developed and began following its own Lead-Based Paint Policy and Procedures. These standards have been adopted to comply with the 24 CFR Part 35, current HUD regulations and the EPA and State recommended work practices.

### Consultation & Coordination

MHDC is coordinating and consulting with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) in an effort to become better informed about the existing statewide data on lead hazards and poisonings, including health department data on the zip codes in which there is Universal Testing of children less than six years of age and which have been identified as high risk areas for lead poisoning (see the Missouri Lead Testing Areas Map). According to the DHSS, geographic areas are identified as requiring Universal Testing if the percentage of children tested who have an elevated blood level is 12% or greater; if pre-1950 housing is 22% or greater of the total housing stock and a sufficient percentage of children were **not** tested (based on population estimates) or 90% of children tested had an unknown address for three consecutive years; or if there is any current or historically operating lead mine, mill or smelter, and a sufficient percentage of children were **not** tested (based on population estimates) or 90% of children tested had an unknown address for three consecutive years. In addition to collaborating with state and local health departments on the current level of risk to children in Missouri,

Lastly, after reviewing DHSS data on the number and percentage of children reported to have elevated blood levels of lead and census data on the percentage of pre-1979 housing in Missouri, state estimates project there are 164,516 extremely low-income households; 167,118 low-income households; and 208,290 moderate income households at risk of containing lead-based paint hazards.

### Preliminary Impact

Housing constructed prior to 1978, before lead was banned from residential paint, can pose serious hazards to the very young if the painted surfaces are allowed to wear or to deteriorate. This potentially impacts MHDC in four areas: properties being funded for rehabilitation under MHDC's Rental Housing Production and Preservation Programs; the HOME Repair Program; rental properties for which MHDC administers rental assistance programs; and properties constructed before 1978 and for which MHDC currently holds a mortgage.

### Proposed Response

What follow are general descriptions for the lead hazard evaluation of properties and for lead hazard reduction procedures to be followed, when warranted, if a hazard is present.

# **MHDC Lead-Based Paint Policy and Procedures**

## **MHDC Rental Housing Production Programs Guidelines for Rehabilitation Projects**

1. MHDC requires a physical needs assessment for all rental housing production proposals for the rehabilitation of existing buildings. The physical needs assessment must include an assessment of the presence or suspected presence of lead-based paint, asbestos or mold for all proposals.
2. Developers must provide the age of the structure as requested in the Rental Production application FIN-100.
3. Developers must submit the following documents with the Part 1 application for firm commitment (generally due March 1 of each year):
  - a. Phase I Environmental Report with potential lead hazard identified for buildings constructed prior to 1978;
  - b. Lead Hazard Evaluation Procedures; and
  - c. Lead Hazard Reduction Procedures.

As the result of the firm submission review, MHDC staff shall indicate the required lead hazard reduction work and protective measures to be followed during construction.

4. Prior to the conversion or closing of a permanent loan with MHDC, the borrower shall provide:
  - a. Tenant Notification Procedures;
  - b. Lead Clearance;
  - c. Contractor's Abatement License; and
  - d. Ongoing Maintenance Procedures, if required.

**HOME Repair (HeRO) Program  
&  
HOME Rental Production Program**

**LEAD-BASED PAINT REFERENCE GUIDE  
(24 CFR PART 35)**  
Revised 07/20/2007

*(Sub-Grantees are to refer to and comply with all of the pertinent lead paint regulations. The following is only an overview.)*

**A. HUD's Lead-Safety Regulation**

Federal Register (Wednesday, September 15, 1999)

Department of Housing and Urban Development

24 CFR Part 35, et al.

Requirements for Notification, Evaluation, and Reduction of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Federal Owned Residential Property and Housing Receiving Federal Assistance; Final Rule

**B. Exemptions 24 CFR 35.115**

- Post-1977 housing (1978 and newer)
- Zero-bedroom units
- Property certified as lead safe
- Property where lead-based paint was removed
- Rehabilitation or maintenance activities that do not disturb painted surfaces
- Emergency actions

**C. Documentation Required**

**1. Notice To Occupants:** Occupants must be provided with the following documentation:

- a. EPA Lead Hazard Information Pamphlet at the time of purchase or lease;
- b. “Notice of Hazard Evaluation” (or presumption) within 15 calendar days of the date when the evaluation is received or the presumption is made (24 CFR 35.125(a)); and
- c. “Notice of Hazard Reduction & Clearance” no more than 15 calendar days after the hazard reduction activities have been completed (24 CFR 35.125(b)(1)).

**2. Hazard Reduction:** The following documentation must be completed:

- a. Final scope of work addressing both lead and non-lead paint prior to firm commitment for construction funded from the multifamily HOME Rental Production Program.
- b. For lead reduction activities that are performed on properties funded through the single-family HOME Repair Program, MHDC requires the contractor supervisor to be trained in Safe Work Practices.

- c. For properties funded through the multifamily HOME Rental Production Program, MHDC requires the Owner to hire a contractor certified as a lead-based paint specialist. A copy of the contractor's Lead Abatement Contractor license is required prior to conversion/permanent closing.
- d. For properties funded through the multifamily HOME Rental Production Program, certification by the contractor that Safe Work Practices (*24 CFR Part 35.1350*) have been observed is required prior to conversion/permanent closing.

3. **Clearance Report:** Clearance must be performed by a licensed Risk Assessor after all rehab work is done, with a copy of the clearance report and qualifications of the Risk Assessor sent to the MHDC Homeownership division at the time of payment request (HOME Repair Program) or to the MHDC Rental Production division prior to conversion/permanent closing (HOME Rental Production Program).

#### **D. General Procedural Overview**

For single-family properties receiving funds from the HOME Repair program:

1. A visual assessment walk-through by an HQS inspector trained in visual assessment (per self-administered HUD Internet course at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead>) looks for defective paint and applies the *de minimis levels* (*24 CFR Part 35.1350(d)*) to all rehabilitation work to be performed regardless of defective paint.
2. MHDC staff reviews the level of HOME rehabilitation assistance and calculates the applicable lead-based paint requirements.

For multifamily developments receiving funds from the HOME Rental Production Program:

1. A lead paint inspection or risk assessment must be performed by a licensed lead-based paint professional.
2. MHDC staff reviews the results and determines mitigating items that must be addressed prior to the completion of construction.

The rehabilitation scope of work must integrate both "lead" and "non-lead" triggered activities. (Provide the preliminary work write-up to Risk Assessor, then incorporate the assessment's findings.)

1. **De Minimis Levels:** *De minimis levels* are exceptions to safe work practices and defined as work which disturbs less than:
  - a. **10 square feet on exterior surfaces;**
  - b. 2 square feet in any one interior room or space; or
  - c. 10 percent of area of an interior or exterior component with a small area (sills, baseboards, etc.).

2. **Lead-Triggered Activity:** A lead-triggered activity is anything that is a lead hazard, or reduces a lead hazard, including:
  - a. Any defective paint surface (until tested to be non-lead);
  - b. Any rehabilitation work greater than the *de minimis levels* disturbing a lead painted surface to be performed with safe work practices; or
  - c. Any abatement activities from risk assessment.

3. **Course of Action:**

- a. Determine the level of hazard evaluation and reduction (*24 CFR 35.915-930*).
- b. Presume lead or evaluate (*option – 24 CFR 35.120*); evaluation recommended.
- c. Perform Lead Paint Inspection and/or risk assessment and/or Lead Hazard Screen by licensed personnel.
- d. Include in the scope of work for “lead” activities the interim controls and/or abatement recommendations from a risk assessor and safe work practices for items determined to be lead paint.
- e. Determine impact of ‘occupant relocation’ requirements (*24 CFR 35.1345*).
- f. Based on the results of Lead Paint Inspection and/or risk assessment and/or Lead Hazard Screen, establish contractor qualifications (*see Safe Work Practices 24 CFR 35.1325-1330*), safe work practices to be used (including occupant protections), and achieve clearance in bid invitation and contract.
- g. Relocate occupants and belongings, if necessary (*24 CFR Part 35.1345*).
- h. Supervise work so that “Safe Work Practices” at *24 CFR Part 35.1350* are used: worksite is prepared/contained and occupants and their belongings are protected, prohibited methods of paint removal are not used, specialized cleaning is conducted to achieve clearance, certification is made that Safe Work Practices have been followed.
- i. Collect lead dust wipe and soil clearance samples upon the completion of the work.
- j. Achieve clearance and obtain report approval after all rehab work is done.

## **E. Lead Hazard Evaluation Methods & Qualifications**

1. **Visual Assessment (accepted for HOME Repair only):** A visual assessment for deteriorated paint consists of a visual search for cracking, scaling, peeling, or chipping paint. This assessment does not identify the presence of lead, only the potential danger. The assessment is performed by either a licensed risk assessor or Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspector trained in visual assessment.
2. **Lead Paint Inspection:** A lead-based paint inspection is a surface-by-surface investigation to determine the presence of lead-based paint through XRF analyzer testing and laboratory analysis. Lead Paint Inspections must be conducted by state licensed lead paint inspectors or risk assessors.
3. **Risk Assessment:** A risk assessment is a comprehensive investigation of a dwelling to identify lead-based paint hazards that includes paint testing, dust and soil sampling, and a

visual evaluation. Risk assessment details are summarized in a written report with recommendations for actions. A licensed risk assessor must conduct the assessment.

4. **Lead Hazard Screen:** A lead hazard screen is similar to a risk assessment. The sampling is less extensive, but the requirements are more stringent. If the unit fails the lead hazard screen, then a full risk assessment must be performed. The screen must be performed by a licensed risk assessor.

## **F. Lead Hazard Reduction Methods**

1. **Paint Stabilization:** Paint stabilization reduces exposure to lead-based paint by addressing deteriorated paint on exterior and interior surfaces through repairs, safe paint removal, and repainting or abatement.
2. **Interim Controls:** (*24 CFR 35.1330*) Interim controls are temporary measures to reduce human exposure to lead-based paint hazards through repairs, painting, maintenance, special cleaning, occupant protection measures, clearance, and education programs. Interim control methods require safe practices and include:
  - a. **Paint stabilization** – All deteriorated paint on exterior and interior surfaces must be stabilized through repairs, safe paint removal, and repainting.
  - b. **Treatment for friction or impact surfaces** – If lead-based paint is found and exceeds acceptable levels or is presumed to exceed it, the conditions creating friction or impact with surfaces with lead-based paint such as those that rub, bind, or crush must be corrected. Examples of this work include re-hanging binding doors, installing door stops, or reworking windows.
  - c. **Treatment for chewable surfaces** – If a child under six has chewed surfaces known to contain lead-based paint or if lead-based paint is presumed, these surfaces must be enclosed or coated so they are impenetrable.
  - d. **Lead-contaminated dust control** – All horizontal surfaces that are rough, pitted, or porous such as bare floors, stairs, window sills, and window troughs must be covered with a smooth, cleanable covering or coating such as metal coil stock, plastic, polyurethane, or linoleum. Carpeting must be vacuumed or rugs must be removed and vacuumed on both sides. Vacuuming must be done using HEPA vacuums.
  - e. **Lead-contaminated soil control** – If soil is lead-contaminated, interim controls that may be used include impermanent surface coverings such as gravel, bark, and sod as well as land use controls such as fencing, landscaping, and warning signs.

Interim Controls (including Standard Treatments) (*24 CFR 35.1330*): the workers should be trained in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Requirements (*29 CFR 1926.59*) and either be supervised by an individual certified as a lead-based paint abatement supervisor or must have successfully completed one of the following courses:

- LBP abatement worker or supervisor (*40 CFR 745.225*);
- Operations and Maintenance (NETA);
- Remodeler's and Renovator's Lead-Based Paint Training Program developed by HUD and the National Association of the Remodeling Industry; or
- An equivalent course approved by EPA or HUD.

3. **Abatement:** Abatement permanently removes lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards by removing lead-based paint and its dust, or permanently encapsulating or enclosing the lead-based paint, replacing components that have lead-based paint, and

removing or permanently covering lead-contaminated soil. Encapsulation and enclosure require ongoing maintenance to check their effectiveness.

Abatement must be conducted by certified abatement workers who have successfully completed a lead-based paint abatement worker course accredited by EPA. These workers must be supervised by a lead-based paint abatement supervisor certified under a State program authorized by EPA or conducted by EPA.

## **G. Safe Work Practices (24 CFR 35.1350)**

### **1. Prohibited Methods of Paint Removal: (24 CFR 35.140)**

The following methods *shall not be used* to remove paint that is, or may be, lead-based paint:

- a. Open flame burning or torching;
- b. Machine sanding or grinding without a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) local exhaust control;
- c. Abrasive blasting or sandblasting without HEPA local exhaust control;
- d. Heat guns operating above 1100 degrees Fahrenheit or charring the paint;
- e. Dry sanding or dry scraping, except dry scraping in conjunction with heat guns or within 1.0 ft. (0.30 m.) of electrical outlets, or when treating defective paint spots totaling no more than 2 sq. ft. (0.2 sq. m.) in any one interior room or space, or totaling no more than 10 sq. ft. (2.0 sq. m.) on exterior surfaces; or
- f. Paint stripping in a poorly ventilated space using a volatile stripper that is a hazardous substance in accordance with regulations of the Consumer Product Safety Commission at 16 CFR 1500.3, and/or a hazardous chemical in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations at 29 CFR 1910.1200 or 1926.59, as applicable to the work.

### **2. Occupant Protection: (24 CFR 35.1345)**

Occupants shall not be permitted to enter the worksite during hazard reduction activities (unless they are employed in the conduct of these activities at the worksite), until after hazard reduction work has been completed and clearance, if required, has been achieved.

Occupants shall be temporarily relocated before and during hazard reduction activities to a suitable, decent, safe, and similarly accessible dwelling unit that does not have lead-based paint hazards, except if:

- a. Treatment will not disturb lead-based paint, dust-lead hazards or soil-lead hazards;
- b. Only the exterior of the dwelling unit is treated, and windows, doors, ventilation intakes and other openings in or near the worksite are sealed during hazard control work and cleaned afterward, and entry free of dust-lead hazards, soil-lead hazards, and debris is provided;

- c. Treatment of the interior will be completed within one period of eight daytime hours, the worksite is contained so as to prevent the release of leaded dust and debris into other areas, and treatment does not create other safety, health or environmental hazards (e.g., exposed live electrical wiring, release of toxic fumes, or on-site disposal of hazardous waste); or
- d. Treatment of the interior will be completed within five calendar days, the worksite is contained so as to prevent the release of leaded dust and debris into other areas, treatment does not create other safety, health or environmental hazards; and, at the end of work on each day, the worksite and the area within at least 10 feet (3 meters) of the containment area is cleaned to remove any visible dust or debris, and occupants have safe access to sleeping areas, and bathroom and kitchen facilities. (HUD Interpretive Guidance J24 – The term “interior work” refers to work in a single room. See also R18 and R19.)

The dwelling unit and the worksite shall be secured against unauthorized entry, and occupants' belongings protected from contamination by dust-lead hazards and debris during hazard reduction activities. Occupants' belongings in the containment area shall be relocated to a safe and secure area outside the containment area, or covered with an impermeable covering with all seams and edges taped or otherwise sealed.

### **3. Worksite Preparation:** (24 CFR 35.1345)

The worksite shall be prepared to prevent the release of leaded dust and contain lead-based paint chips and other debris from hazard reduction activities within the worksite until they can be safely removed. Practices that minimize the spread of leaded dust, paint chips, soil and debris shall be used during worksite preparation.

A warning sign shall be posted at each entry to a room where hazard reduction activities are conducted when occupants are present, at each main and secondary entryway to a building from which occupants have been relocated, or, for an exterior hazard reduction activity, where it is easily read 20 feet (6 meters) from the edge of the hazard reduction activity worksite. Each warning sign shall be as described in 29 CFR 1926.62(m), except that it shall be posted irrespective of employees' lead exposure and, to the extent practicable, provided in the occupants' primary language.

### **4. Specialized Cleaning:**

After hazard reduction activities have been completed, the worksite shall be cleaned using cleaning methods, products, and devices that are successful in cleaning up dust-lead hazards, such as a HEPA vacuum or other methods of equivalent efficacy, and lead-specific detergents or the equivalent.

## **5. De Minimis Levels:**

Safe Work Practices are not required when maintenance or hazard reduction activities do not disturb painted surfaces that total more than:

- a. 10 square feet (2 square meters) on exterior surfaces;
- b. 2 square feet (0.2 square meters) in any one interior room or space; or
- c. 10 percent of the total surface area on an interior or exterior type of component with a small surface area. Examples include window sills, baseboards, and trim.

## **H. Worker Protection**

1. Prior to the start of any stabilization, demolition and / or renovation work that will impact building components with lead-based paint, the contractor performing the work must have a written respiratory protection program in place (*OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134*), documentation indicating that his or her workers have had medical surveillance, are medically cleared to wear a respirator, and have passed a qualitative fit test.
2. In accordance with OSHA 19 CFR 1926.62 (Lead in Construction Standard), an initial employee exposure assessment must be conducted (through personal lead air monitoring) during stabilization, renovation and / or demolition activities that will impact building components with lead-based paint. Respiratory protection will be required for each activity until air monitoring many prove exposures are below the Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL).

## **I. Lead Hazard Criteria**

### **1. DUST (EPA and most other states)**

Floors	< 40 micrograms per square foot ( $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ )
Window Sills (stools)	< $250 \mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$
Window Troughs (wells)	< $400 \mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ ( <b>clearance only</b> )

### **2. PAINT (HUD, EPA, Kansas, Missouri, and most other states)**

XRF (On-Site Test)	$\geq 1.0 \text{ milligrams per square centimeter (mg/cm}^2\text{)}$
AAS (Laboratory)	$\geq 0.5\%$ by weight
CPSC (1978 law)	$\geq 0.06\%$ by weight (maximum lead concentration for residential paints only)

### **3. AIR (OSHA)**

Action Level (AL)	$\geq 30 \text{ micrograms per cubic meter } (\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3)$
Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL)	$\geq 50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

### **4. WASTE (EPA – Under RCRA, there are four characteristic tests. The two not shown below are *Ignitability* and *Reactivity*. The two types of characteristic tests shown below are the types that fail most often.)**

Toxicity (TCLP)	$\geq 5 \text{ parts per million (PPM) – 7 other metals also}$
Corrosivity (pH)	< 2.0 pH units or > 12.5 pH units

### **5. WATER (EPA – SDWA)**

Drinking Water	< 15 parts per billion (PPB)
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### **6. BLOOD**

OSHA (Adult)	< 40 micrograms per deciliter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$ )
	2 @ $\geq 50 \mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$ - requires medical removal

CDC Children	< 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$
Adults	< 25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$ ( <b>recommendation</b> )

### **7. SOIL (EPA and most other states)**

Bare Soils	< 400 PPM – high traffic/high contact/play areas
	< 1200 PPM – all other areas of property

(reference: *Baker Environmental Consulting, Inc.*)

## **J. Resources on Lead Based Paint Regulations**

- HUD's Lead-Safety Regulation – 24 CFR Part 35

“Requirements for Notification, Evaluation, and Reduction of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Federal Owned Residential Property and Housing Receiving Federal Assistance; Final Regulation (September 15, 1999)”

- HUD Interpretive Guidance September 21, 2000

- HUD Guidelines for Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards

- HUD Office of Healthy Homes & Lead Hazard Control

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead>

Regulation Hotline: (202) 755-1822 ext 104

E-mail: [lead\\_regulations@HUD.gov](mailto:lead_regulations@HUD.gov)

- The National Center for Lead-Safe Housing

Website: [www.leadsafehousing.org](http://www.leadsafehousing.org)

Implementing HUD's Lead-Safety Regulation

Internet Guide to the Rule, Model Documents and Specifications

- The Lead Listing (for HUD)

Website: [www.leadlisting.org](http://www.leadlisting.org)

Hotline: 1 (888) LEADLIST

Lists companies providing lead services and training opportunities

- The Environmental Network

Website: <http://www.environmentalnetwork.com/>

Lists companies providing lead services

- EPA

Website: [www.epa.gov/opptintr/lead](http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/lead)

- National Lead Information Center

Hotline: 1 (800) 424-5323

## Housing Risks

The national average of pre-1950 housing decreased from 27 percent in 1990 to 22 percent in 2000. Missouri is above the national average with 23.6 percent of housing units being built before 1950. The chart to the left lists the percentage of pre-1950 housing by county according to 2000 census data.

### Comparison of Large Metro Areas

Outstate Missouri .....	19.6%
St. Louis City .....	64.4%
St. Louis County.....	18.4%
Kansas City .....	36.0%

<b>Percentage of Pre-1950 Housing</b>					
Based on CENSUS 2000 Data					
COUNTY	%	COUNTY	%	COUNTY	%
Adair	25.30%	Henry	27.8%	Platte	8.40%
Andrew	28.60%	Hickory	12.4%	Polk	21.50%
Atchison	51.70%	Holt	46.6%	Ralls	23.50%
Audrain	30.80%	Howard	39.3%	Randolph	33.20%
Barry	21.40%	Howell	18.7%	Ray	25.50%
Barton	36.60%	Iron	20.5%	Reynolds	16.40%
Bates	33.80%	Jackson	27.8%	Ripley	15.50%
Benton	13.20%	Jasper	30.8%	Saline	34.70%
Bollinger	20.50%	Jefferson	10.3%	Schuylerville	45.50%
Boone	10.50%	Johnson	15.8%	Scotland	48.30%
Buchanan	43.10%	Knox	45.6%	Scott	21.60%
Butler	17.10%	Laclede	16.9%	Shannon	20.30%
Caldwell	35.10%	Lafayette	30.5%	Shelby	43.90%
Callaway	15.20%	Lawrence	29.5%	St. Charles	4.70%
Camden	4.10%	Lewis	35.7%	St. Clair	28.80%
Cape Girardeau	20.00%	Lincoln	14.8%	St. Francois	22.20%
Carroll	43.30%	Linn	43.4%	St. Louis City	64.60%
Carter	14.20%	Livingston	35.0%	St. Louis County	18.40%
Cass	11.60%	Macon	37.3%	Ste. Genevieve	19.10%
Cedar	22.10%	Madison	23.9%	Stoddard	19.00%
Chariton	38.70%	Maries	24.8%	Stone	8.60%
Christian	8.90%	Marion	40.9%	Sullivan	45.40%
Clark	34.40%	McDonald	22.4%	Taney	6.50%
Clay	11.90%	Mercer	37.2%	Texas	20.50%
Clinton	28.70%	Miller	16.3%	Vernon	31.70%
Cole	18.80%	Mississippi	26.8%	Warren	11.60%
Cooper	36.50%	Moniteau	29.6%	Washington	13.80%
Crawford	19.60%	Monroe	31.8%	Wayne	16.20%
Dade	37.60%	Montgomery	30.2%	Webster	19.50%
Dallas	19.60%	Morgan	11.6%	Worth	56.90%
Daviess	34.70%	New Madrid	19.1%	Wright	26.90%
DeKalb	30.90%	Newton	21.90%	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>23.60%</b>
Dent	22.10%	Nodaway	36.10%		
Douglas	22.90%	Oregon	26.5%		
Dunklin	21.80%	Osage	27.40%		
Franklin	18.70%	Ozark	16.30%		
Gasconade	30.70%	Pemiscot	22.20%		

Gentry	46.50%	Perry	26.40%	
Greene	18.00%	Pettis	30.90%	
Grundy	42.00%	Phelps	16.80%	
Harrison	46.00%	Pike	30.10%	

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Adair	447	3	1	0	0	0	0	451	1,592	28.33%	4	0.89%
Andrew	202	1	1	1	0	0	0	205	1,292	15.87%	3	1.46%
Atchison	112	3	3	0	0	0	0	118	367	32.15%	6	5.08%
Audrain	358	4	4	0	1	0	0	367	2,018	18.19%	9	2.45%
Barry	398	3	3	0	0	0	0	404	2,745	14.72%	6	1.49%
Barton	231	4	0	0	0	0	0	235	1,147	20.49%	4	1.70%
Bates	475	6	1	0	0	0	0	482	1,260	38.25%	7	1.45%
Benton	216	4	0	0	0	0	0	220	973	22.61%	4	1.82%
Bollinger	221	1	0	0	0	0	0	222	888	25.00%	1	0.45%
Boone	2048	5	2	0	1	0	0	2056	10,158	20.24%	8	0.39%
Buchanan	851	27	3	5	4	0	0	890	6,488	13.72%	39	4.38%
Butler	574	2	4	1	0	0	0	581	3,132	18.55%	7	1.20%
Caldwell	239	8	2	1	0	0	0	250	687	36.39%	11	4.40%
Callaway	489	0	0	0	0	0	0	489	3,088	15.84%	0	0.00%
Camden	234	3	0	0	1	0	0	238	2,083	11.43%	4	1.68%
Cape Girardeau	628	16	1	1	1	0	0	647	4,940	13.10%	19	2.94%
Carroll	211	8	0	0	1	1	0	221	782	28.26%	10	4.52%
Carter	125	0	1	0	0	0	0	126	436	28.90%	1	0.79%
Cass	842	2	1	0	1	0	0	846	7,347	11.51%	4	0.47%
Cedar	154	1	0	0	0	0	0	155	932	16.63%	1	0.65%
Chariton	123	2	1	0	1	0	0	127	517	24.56%	4	3.15%
Christian	937	4	0	0	0	0	0	941	4,987	18.87%	4	0.43%
Clark	113	3	1	0	0	0	0	117	548	21.35%	4	3.42%
Clay	580	2	1	0	0	0	0	583	15,744	3.70%	3	0.51%
Clinton	298	4	0	0	0	0	0	302	1,498	20.16%	4	1.32%
Cole	686	6	2	0	0	0	0	694	5,529	12.55%	8	1.15%
Cooper	262	0	0	0	0	0	0	262	1,179	22.22%	0	0.00%
Crawford	273	7	0	1	0	0	0	281	1,810	15.52%	8	2.85%
Dade	134	0	0	0	0	0	0	134	547	24.50%	0	0.00%
Dallas	144	3	0	0	0	0	0	147	1,274	11.54%	3	2.04%
Daviess	188	1	1	1	0	0	0	191	665	28.72%	3	1.57%
DeKalb	145	3	0	0	1	0	0	149	714	20.87%	4	2.68%
Dent	253	6	1	1	1	0	0	262	1,154	22.70%	9	3.44%
Douglas	219	2	0	0	0	0	0	221	945	23.39%	2	0.90%
Dunklin	334	3	1	0	0	1	0	339	2,807	12.08%	5	1.47%
Franklin	847	3	2	0	1	0	0	853	7,814	10.92%	6	0.70%

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Gasconade	255	0	1	0	0	0	0	256	1,067	23.99%	1	0.39%
Gentry	118	1	0	0	0	0	0	119	524	22.71%	1	0.84%
Greene	3244	21	3	2	0	0	0	3270	17,657	18.52%	26	0.80%
Grundy	252	2	0	0	0	0	0	254	779	32.61%	2	0.79%
Harrison	244	1	1	0	0	0	0	246	662	37.16%	2	0.81%
Henry	427	4	1	0	0	0	0	432	1,554	27.80%	5	1.16%
Hickory	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	460	21.30%	0	0.00%
Holt	135	3	1	0	0	0	0	139	313	44.41%	4	2.88%
Howard	180	6	1	0	0	0	0	187	693	26.98%	7	3.74%
Howell	243	4	2	0	0	0	0	249	2,993	8.32%	6	2.41%
Iron	362	17	3	0	0	0	0	382	760	50.26%	20	5.24%
Jackson	2661	8	2	2	1	0	0	2674	26,870	9.95%	13	0.49%
Jasper	2599	33	4	3	2	2	0	2643	9,070	29.14%	44	1.66%
Jefferson	1827	5	3	1	0	0	0	1836	17,184	10.68%	9	0.49%
Johnson	398	0	1	0	1	0	0	400	3,857	10.37%	2	0.50%
Kansas City	8917	101	22	5	9	2	0	9056	27,966	32.38%	139	1.53%
Knox	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	323	23.53%	0	0.00%
Laclede	507	2	0	0	0	0	0	509	2,683	18.97%	2	0.39%
Lafayette	442	4	1	1	0	0	0	448	2,460	18.21%	6	1.34%
Lawrence	584	10	2	0	1	1	0	598	3,034	19.71%	14	2.34%
Lewis	156	5	0	1	0	0	0	162	890	18.20%	6	3.70%
Lincoln	465	1	1	0	1	0	0	468	3,446	13.58%	3	0.64%
Linn	350	2	1	1	1	0	0	355	1,028	34.53%	5	1.41%
Livingston	289	6	3	0	0	0	0	298	1,090	27.34%	9	3.02%
Macon	329	2	0	0	1	0	0	332	1,205	27.55%	3	0.90%
Madison	297	6	0	0	0	0	0	303	835	36.29%	6	1.98%
Maries	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	710	15.92%	0	0.00%
Marion	652	19	4	1	9	1	0	686	2,278	30.11%	34	4.96%
McDonald	396	1	0	1	0	0	0	398	2,003	19.87%	2	0.50%
Mercer	102	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	248	41.13%	0	0.00%
Miller	260	3	0	0	1	0	0	264	1,925	13.71%	4	1.52%
Mississippi	515	1	0	1	0	0	0	517	1,153	44.84%	2	0.39%
Moniteau	304	3	2	1	0	0	0	310	1,206	25.70%	6	1.94%
Monroe	179	4	2	0	0	0	0	185	739	25.03%	6	3.24%
Montgomery	268	1	1	0	1	0	0	271	858	31.59%	3	1.11%
Morgan	178	1	0	0	0	0	0	179	1,393	12.85%	1	0.56%
New Madrid	327	3	0	0	0	0	0	330	1,580	20.89%	3	0.91%

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Newton	1224	7	2	4	1	0	0	1238	4,458	27.77%	14	1.13%
Nodaway	347	1	1	1	0	0	0	350	1,266	27.65%	3	0.86%
Oregon	197	1	0	0	0	0	0	198	732	27.05%	1	0.51%
Osage	185	0	0	0	0	0	0	185	1,057	17.50%	0	0.00%
Ozark	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	619	19.06%	0	0.00%
Pemiscot	285	5	1	0	1	0	0	292	1,981	14.74%	7	2.40%
Perry	371	4	0	0	0	0	0	375	1,489	25.18%	4	1.07%
Pettis	578	7	2	1	0	0	0	588	3,298	17.83%	10	1.70%
Phelps	605	4	1	2	1	0	0	613	2,769	22.14%	8	1.31%
Pike	278	3	2	1	1	0	0	285	1,190	23.95%	7	2.46%
Platte	288	1	0	0	0	0	0	289	6,044	4.78%	1	0.35%
Polk	319	3	0	1	0	0	0	323	2,204	14.66%	4	1.24%
Pulaski	361	1	0	0	0	0	0	362	3,778	9.58%	1	0.28%
Putnam	88	1	0	0	0	0	0	89	382	23.30%	1	1.12%
Ralls	186	0	0	0	0	0	0	186	667	27.89%	0	0.00%
Randolph	367	7	1	2	1	0	0	378	1,899	19.91%	11	2.91%
Ray	294	5	2	0	0	0	0	301	1,875	16.05%	7	2.33%
Reynolds	153	1	1	0	0	0	0	155	474	32.70%	2	1.29%
Ripley	208	3	0	0	1	0	0	212	980	21.63%	4	1.89%
Saline	466	5	3	4	3	0	0	481	1,737	27.69%	15	3.12%
Schuylerville	141	1	0	0	0	0	0	142	316	44.94%	1	0.70%
Scotland	91	1	1	0	0	0	0	93	421	22.09%	2	2.15%
Scott	919	4	0	0	0	0	0	923	3,430	26.91%	4	0.43%
Shannon	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	611	12.60%	0	0.00%
Shelby	188	2	1	1	0	0	0	192	480	40.00%	4	2.08%
St. Charles	1911	3	1	1	0	0	0	1916	26,072	7.35%	5	0.26%
St. Clair	172	5	1	1	1	0	0	180	628	28.66%	8	4.44%
St. Francois	959	29	12	2	2	0	0	1004	4,040	24.85%	45	4.48%
St. Louis (County)	13629	105	43	18	7	2	0	13804	77,612	17.79%	175	1.27%
St. Louis (City)	11714	571	188	67	51	2	1	12594	28,369	44.39%	880	6.99%
Sainte Genevieve	306	2	2	2	0	0	0	312	1,314	23.74%	6	1.92%
Stoddard	526	1	0	0	0	0	0	527	2,048	25.73%	1	0.19%
Stone	269	1	0	0	0	0	0	270	1,866	14.47%	1	0.37%
Sullivan	248	3	1	0	0	0	0	252	618	40.78%	4	1.59%
Taney	379	1	0	0	0	0	0	380	2,909	13.06%	1	0.26%

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Texas	150	2	0	0	0	0	0	152	1,612	9.43%	2	1.32%
Vernon	302	7	4	0	1	0	0	314	1,628	19.29%	12	3.82%
Warren	356	2	0	0	1	0	0	359	1,929	18.61%	3	0.84%
Washington	438	19	5	2	0	0	0	464	1,844	25.16%	26	5.60%
Wayne	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	850	13.88%	0	0.00%
Webster	389	0	0	0	0	0	0	389	2,839	13.70%	0	0.00%
Worth	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	152	30.26%	0	0.00%
Wright	297	2	0	0	1	0	0	300	1,496	20.05%	3	1.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>83883</b>	<b>1250</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>85777</b>	<b>445,566</b>	<b>19.25%</b>	<b>1894</b>	<b>2.21%</b>



## Missouri Lead Testing Areas April 6, 2007

Universal Testing zip codes  
in Targeted Testing counties:

Iron County
63620-Anadolis
65585-Burnum
65439-Bibby
Jefferson County
63048-Haroulansum
Newton County
64844-Granby
Reynolds County
63625-Black
63633-Cantonville
63620-Bunker
63654-Lesterville
65440-Boss
Washington County
63071-Richwoods
63664-Potosi
63680-Mineral Point
63630-Cadet
63631-Caledonia



- See Area-Specific Map.
- Screening Designation
- Universal Screening (High Risk)
- Targeted Screening (Non-High Risk)

As additional, more accurate data is obtained, Universal Testing areas may change. Re-evaluation areas will be assessed to further define zip codes that require universal or targeted testing. Updated maps are published each April and are available at:

[www.dhss.mo.gov/ChildhoodLead/Maps.html](http://www.dhss.mo.gov/ChildhoodLead/Maps.html)

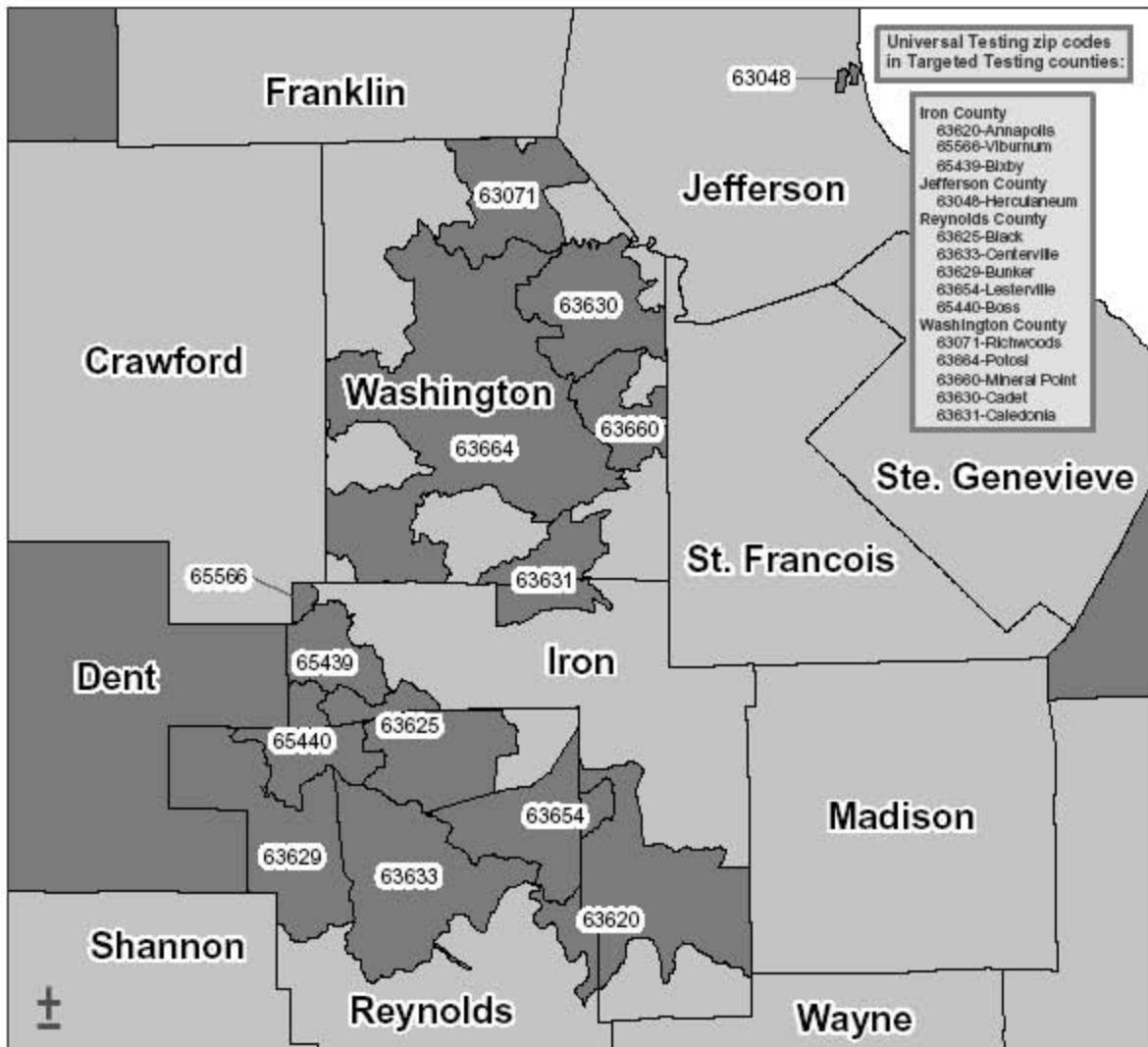
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Targeted Testing - Medicaid children tested at 12 and 24 months. Annual screening questionnaire, testing based upon positive responses.





## Southeast Missouri Lead Testing Areas April 6, 2007



### Screening Designation

Universal Screening (High Risk)

Targeted Screening (Non-High Risk)

As additional, more accurate data is obtained, Universal Testing areas may change. Re-evaluation areas will be assessed to further define zip codes that require universal or targeted testing. Updated maps are published each April and are available at:

[www.dhss.mo.gov/ChildhoodLead/Maps.html](http://www.dhss.mo.gov/ChildhoodLead/Maps.html)

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# **Monitoring**

## **MONITORING**

Each agency involved in the Consolidated Planning process will monitor its own grantees in accordance with established procedures and standards for the particular program. Each is briefly explained below.

### **EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT**

The Department of Social Services, as the state of Missouri's grantee of emergency shelter funds, will randomly monitor during the fiscal year grants made to city/county governments for compliance to the regulations as outlined in 24 CFR Part 576.

The monitoring will include either on-site or remote review of reimbursement requests from the grantee to ensure:

- 1) That proper documentation of expenditures is maintained by the grantee.
- 2) That expenses claimed by the grantee are appropriate.
- 3) That documentation of in-kind matching is maintained.
- 4) That ESG expenditures are obligated and spent within regulatory deadlines.
- 5) That compliance to audit requirements of 24 CFR Part 44 are met.

### **HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS**

The Section performs an on-site monitoring visit at least twice yearly to the fiduciary agent for the HOPWA program. Standard monitoring forms, DH-40 and DH-41, are used to record compliance on major aspects of program performance, including:

- 1) Employment standards,
- 2) Record confidentiality and retention,
- 3) Budget and fiscal record, and
- 4) Annual fiscal audit.

In addition to routinely reviewing the activities of the fiduciary agent, the Section monitors additional progress toward meeting goals by reviewing client files at local case management sites to assure that HOPWA funds are targeted to those most in need, at adequate levels to purchase appropriate housing, and to assure that recipients are provided sufficient support to identify ways to reach independence.

## **MONITORING**

### **MISSOURI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

#### **Rental Housing Production Programs**

MHDC's standard construction financing procedures require that a regulatory agreement be recorded along with other loan documents for all rental production developments funded through HOME. This agreement insures that the rental units remain affordable for a specified period of

time. MHDC's Asset Management Department examines Tenant Eligibility and Income Certifications in residents' files on a regular basis. The owner is responsible for delivering or obtaining appropriate management services for the development to insure that the units are suitable for occupancy, meet Section 8 Housing Quality Standards (HQS), and meet local health, safety, and building codes. Furthermore, the owner must comply with all applicable rules, regulations, and policies that govern the HOME program.

MHDC may audit HOME-funded developments each year for compliance with the following:

- Re-certification of tenant income
- Review of rent and utility allowances
- Compliance with HQS annually for developments of more than 26 units, bi-annually for developments containing five to twenty-five units, and every three years for developments with fewer than five units
- Owner's written agreements including the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan and the Management Plan and Certification
- Submission of annual audited financial statements for all developments receiving HOME funds.

### **HOME Repair (HeRO) Program**

In addition to periodic monitoring of the project, the sub-grantee must also establish and maintain sufficient records to enable HUD and MHDC to determine whether the sub-grantee has followed all requirements. At a minimum, the following records are needed:

- Records concerning designation as a participating jurisdiction
- Program records
- Project records
- Community Housing Development Organization Records (CHDO) records
- Financial accounting records
- Program administration records
- Records in connection with other federal requirements
- Auditing will occur continuously throughout the year through various means. Procedures for setups, payment requests, completion reports and quarterly progress reports include components that enable ongoing periodic monitoring for each project.

Annually, the agency will be audited to ensure the projects comply with IRS and HUD regulations including: *24 CFR Part 92* - Federal HOME Rule, *24 CFR Part 35* - HUD's lead-based paint regulations, and *24 CFR Part 58*—HUD's Environmental Review Procedures:

- An MHDC auditor will annually inspect 15% of these files from each Sub-Grantee.
- Each file must include all items as noted on the In House Check Sheet Form 465.
  - Insurance and tax documentation
  - Proof of ownership documentation
  - Lead Hazard documentation including assessment and clearance reports
  - The signed and recorded LURA
  - Contractor certifications, licenses, and contracts
  - All compliance documentation as required by MHDC

**10% of the selected homes will be visited to ensure the Environmental Review Report was accurate.**

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

Monitoring checklists of all compliance areas have evolved over the years of administering the Community Development Block Grant by state staff. These checklists are provided to all grantees during the initial training for grant administration to clarify compliance requirements and to inform the grantees of the areas to be monitored.

From the beginning, the grantee has been required to submit to the state field representative for that area all required ordinances/resolutions involving excessive force, anti-lobbying, and fair housing; all financial paperwork setting up the grant; and enough environmental paperwork to be able to allow the release of funds. All federal wage determinations are requested through the CDBG office to assure compliance with labor standards. Start of construction notices must be sent, along with the grantee checking the federal debarred contractors' list, the contractor's certification to do business in Missouri, and documentation of the contractor's approved surety through the state.

The field representative will evaluate the new project in terms of risk or need for oversight or assistance. This evaluation will include the grantee's past performance, the administrator's track record, the complexity of the project, and the amount of CDBG assistance awarded. The field representative will decide, with the consensus of program management, whether the project requires one or two field monitorings. The field monitorings will take place at strategic times in the life of the project. An interim monitoring is set up after the first construction payroll is received by staff on public facilities projects or after first houses are completed on neighborhood development projects. A closeout monitoring is conducted any time after 80% draw-down of funds has occurred.

Technical assistance visits may be scheduled any time necessary, in addition to the required monitoring visit. For economic development grantees, transition meetings are conducted in the field after initial award commitment to introduce the compliance field representative and confirm to all parties involved the intricacies of the grant conditions.

Training is conducted on **internal monitoring**, as well as stressed in the administrative manual of the CDBG program. The four primary components of CDBG monitoring are progress on planned activities, program compliance, fiscal management, and fiscal compliance. It is the responsibility of each CDBG grant recipient to develop a system to assure that the financial and program compliance provisions established by federal and state law and supporting regulations and provisions are met. In addition to complying with all appropriate provisions, recipients must be assured that outside contractors and delegate agencies are likewise in compliance with the various laws and regulations. This will require development of a monitoring system that will allow recipients to:

- Manage their community development program as a whole, and individual projects and activities substantially, as described in the approved CDBG application;
- Maintain program or project progress;
- Determine that costs charged to the project are eligible;
- Ensure that all program activities comply with all applicable laws and regulations and terms of the grant agreement; and
- Minimize the opportunity for fraud, waste, and mismanagement.

## CDBG Program Risk Assessment Form

Grantee: \_\_\_\_\_

Sub-Grantee: \_\_\_\_\_

Administration Organization (RPC, COG, Private, City) \_\_\_\_\_

Administration Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Description:  
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**Assessment Measures:**

**Complexity: Please rank high, medium or low** \_\_\_\_\_

The following criteria should be considered: Survey vs Census; Number of activities; Number of Contracts; Number of funding sources; Grantee/Sub-Grantee relationship; and Multijurisdictional

**Experience with Administrator: Please rank agency and individual, Experienced or Inexperienced.**

**Past Performance: Acceptable or deficient**

Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Grantee: \_\_\_\_\_

Sub-Grantee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Necessity for Technical Assistance: High, Medium, Low** \_\_\_\_\_

# Certifications

## STATE CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the State certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** – The State will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the state, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

**Acquisition and Relocation** – The State will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24.

**Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan** – The State has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

**Drug Free Workplace** – The State will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

- 5) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.
- 6) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about -
  - a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
  - b) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
  - c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
  - d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.
- 7) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1.
- 8) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will -
  - a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
  - b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.
- 9) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

- 10) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -
  - a) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
  - b) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.
- 11) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**Anti-Lobbying** – To the best of the State's knowledge and belief:

- 12) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- 13) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- 14) It will require that the language of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of State** – The submission of the consolidated plan is authorized under State law and the State possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs under the consolidated plan for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** – The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

**Section 3** – It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

**Discharge Policy** – Each department of Missouri state government that discharges people from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) has a policy that prevents such discharge if it will immediately result in homelessness for such persons.

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Signature/Authorized Official

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Date

Director, Missouri Department of Economic Development  
Title

## SPECIFIC CDBG CERTIFICATIONS

The State certifies that:

**Citizen Participation** – It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR §91.115 and each unit of general local government that receives assistance from the State is or will be following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR §570.486.

**Consultation with Local Governments** – It has or will comply with the following:

- 15) It has consulted with affected units of local government in the nonentitlement area of the State in determining the method of distribution of funding;
- 16) It engages in or will engage in planning for community development activities;
- 17) It provides or will provide technical assistance to units of local government in connection with community development programs; and
- 18) It will not refuse to distribute funds to any unit of general local government on the basis of the particular eligible activity selected by the unit of general local government to meet its community development needs, except that a State is not prevented from establishing priorities in distributing funding on the basis of the activities selected.

**Local Needs Identification** – It will require each unit of general local government to be funded to identify its community development and housing needs, including the needs of low-income and moderate-income families, and the activities to be undertaken to meet these needs.

**Community Development Plan** – Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objectives of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. (See 24 CFR 570.2 and 24 CFR part 570)

**Use of Funds** – It has complied with the following criteria:

- 19) **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available.
- 20) **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2004, 2005, and 2006 (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.
- 21) **Special Assessments.** The state will require units of general local government that receive CDBG funds to certify to the following:
  - It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income,

including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

- However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.
- It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** – It will require units of general local government that receive CDBG funds to certify that they have adopted and are enforcing:

- 22) A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
- 23) A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

**Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws** – The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

**Compliance with Laws** – It will comply with applicable laws.

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Signature/Authorized Official

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## SPECIFIC HOME CERTIFICATIONS

The State certifies that:

**Eligible Activities and Costs** – It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through §92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

**Appropriate Financial Assistance** – Before committing any funds to a project, the State or its recipients will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing.

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Signature/Authorized Official

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Date

Director, Missouri Department of Economic Development

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## **STATE GRANTEE EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM CERTIFICATIONS**

I Gregory Steinhoff, Director authorized to act on behalf of the State of Missouri, certify that the State will ensure compliance by units of general local government and nonprofit organizations to which it distributes funds under the Emergency Shelter Grants Program with:

- 24) The requirements of 24 CFR 576.25(b)(2) concerning the submission by nonprofit organizations applying for funding of a certification of approval of the proposed project(s) from the unit of local government in which the proposed project is located.
- 25) The requirements of 24 CFR 576.53 concerning the continued use of buildings for which Emergency Shelter Grant funds are used for rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless; or when funds are used solely for operating cost or essential services, concerning the population to be served.
- 26) The building standards requirement of 24 CFR 576.55.
- 27) The requirements of 24 CFR 576.56, concerning assurances on services and other assistance to the homeless.
- 28) The requirements of 24 CFR 576.57, other appropriate provisions of 24 CFR Part 576, and other applicable Federal law concerning nondiscrimination and equal opportunity.
- 29) The requirements of 24 CFR 576.59(b) concerning the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.
- 30) The requirements of 24 CFR 576.59 concerning minimizing the displacement of persons as a result of a project assisted with these funds.
- 31) The requirements of 24 CFR 576.56(a) and 576.65(b) that grantees develop and implement procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the Emergency Shelter Grants Program and that the address or location of any family violence shelter project assisted with ESG funds will not be made public, except with written authorization of the person or persons responsible for the operation of the shelter.
- 32) The requirement of that recipients involve, to the maximum extent practicable, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of these facilities as provided by 24 CFR 576.56(b)(2).
- 33) The requirements of 24 CFR 576.21(a)(4) which provide that the funding of homeless prevention activities for families that have received eviction notices or notices of termination of utility services meet the following standards: (A) that the inability of the family to make the required payments must be the result of a sudden reduction in income; (B) that the assistance must be necessary to avoid eviction of the family or termination of the services to the family; (C) that there must be a reasonable prospect that the family will be able to resume payments within a reasonable period of time; and (D) that the assistance must not supplant funding for preexisting homeless prevention activities from any other source.
- 34) The new requirement of the McKinney-Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. 11301, to develop and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as

health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons. I further understand that State and local governments are primarily responsible for the care of these individuals, and that ESG funds are not to be used to assist such persons in place of State and local resources.

- 35) The Drug Free Workplace requirements of 24 CFR Part 24 concerning the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.
- 36) The State will comply with the provisions of, and regulations and procedures applicable under 24 CFR 576.57(e) with respect to the environmental review responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related authorities as specified in 24 CFR Part 58 as applicable to activities of nonprofit organizations funded directly by the State. The State also agrees to assume the Department's responsibility and authority as set forth in 24 CFR 576.57(e) for acting on the environmental certifications and request for the release of funds submitted to the State by local government recipients.
- 37) The State's requirement to provide matching funds required by 24 CFR 576.51 and 42 U.S.C 11375, including a description of the sources and amounts of such supplemental funds, as provided by the State, units of general local government or nonprofit organizations.
- 38) HUD's standards for participation in a local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the collection and reporting of client-level information.

I further certify that the submission of a complete and approved Consolidated Plan with its relevant certifications, which is treated as the application for an Emergency Shelter Grant, is authorized under State law, and that the State possesses legal authority to fund the carrying out of grant activities by units of general local government and nonprofit organizations in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Signature/Authorized Official

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Date

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## HOPWA CERTIFICATIONS

The State HOPWA grantee certifies that:

**Activities** – Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

**Building** – Any building or structure assisted under the program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:

- 39) For at least 10 years in the case of any building or structure purchased, leased, rehabilitated, renovated, or converted with HOPWA assistance.
- 40) For at least 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

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## **APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS**

### **INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS:**

#### **41) Lobbying Certification**

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

#### **42) Drug-Free Workplace Certification**

- a) By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.
- b) The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
- c) For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies. (This is the information to which jurisdictions certify).
- d) For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies. (Not applicable jurisdictions.)
- e) Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
- f) Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).
- g) If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph e).
- h) The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

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Check  if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here; the certification with regard to the drug-free workplace required by 24 CFR part 24, subpart F.

i) Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

"Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15).

"Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes.

"Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance.

"Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All "direct charge" employees; (ii) all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and (iii) temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

# **Citizen Participation Process**

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN FY2008 PROCESS**

To involve interest groups and citizens in general in the FY2008 Action Planning process this year, seven public hearings were scheduled to review the draft plan and solicit comments and suggestions about the programs. The mailing list for these meetings includes over 3,000 names and a press release regarding the meetings was issued statewide.

The FY2008 Draft Action Plan was made public on November 1, 2007. Special mailings regarding the availability of the plan were made, and the plan was placed in 68 public places around the state. The following times and places were established for public input on the Plan:

**November 3**

**2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

Harry S Truman Building, Room 400  
301 W. High  
Jefferson City

**November 13**

**3 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

Osage Center  
1625 N. Kingshighway  
Cape Girardeau

**November 6**

**9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Hannibal

**November 14**

**11:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Greene County Courthouse, Room 212  
940 Boonville  
Springfield

**November 6**

**2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

Livingston County Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
450 Locust  
Chillicothe

**Specific comments and questions from the hearings are:**

**Jefferson City public hearing, Nov. 6, 2007**

- Vevia Sturm, Reentry Coordinator, Missouri Department of Corrections, Division of Offender Rehabilitative Services, inquired about using HOME funds for reentry of ex-offenders into the community. We discussed the HUD regulations regarding multifamily programs and subsidized housing.

**Hannibal, public hearing Nov. 6, 2007**

- Carolyn King, Americorps VISTA, Families and Communities Together, Missouri Partnerships for Reentry, inquired about reentry programs and the HUD provisions. We discussed the HUD regulations regarding multifamily programs and subsidized housing.

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### **Housing and Ex-Offenders**

HUD Handbook 4350.3, Occupancy Requirements of Subsidized Multifamily Programs, establishes four mandatory provisions that prohibit admission to applicants who fit into the following categories from participation in the Public Housing and Section 8 Voucher program:

- Drug or alcohol abuse – waived if the applicant is in an approved treatment program, or provides proof of completion of such a program
- Registered Sex Offender
- Drug Manufacture in HUD subsidized properties
- Rents owed and in arrears from former HUD subsidy recipients

HOME program funds and LIHTC cannot be singled out for an exclusive use. Ex-offenders are eligible for Section 8 and other federally-subsidized housing as long as they are **not** included in the prohibitions.

Owners of federally-assisted housing have the discretion to prohibit the admission of a household with a household member who is currently engaging in, or has engaged in during a reasonable time before the admission decision

- Drug-related criminal activity;
- Violent criminal activity;
- Other criminal activity that would threaten the health, safety, or right of peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents; or
- Other criminal activity that would threaten the health or safety of the PHA or owner or any employee, contractor, subcontractor or agent of the PHA or owner who is involved in the housing operations.

Owners have the discretion to reconsider an applicant previously denied admission to federally-assisted housing because of a determination concerning a member of the household who has engaged in criminal activity. Owner can admit the household if the household member is not currently engaged in, and has not been engaged in, the criminal activity during a reasonable period determined by the owner. However, owner must have sufficient evidence submitted by the household members which includes: (1) a certification that states that individual is not currently engaged in such criminal activity now or in the specified period and (2) supporting information from such sources as a probation officer, landlord, neighbors, social service agency workers or criminal records verified by the owner.

Since they are not a protected class, ex-offenders can be turned down by the management company as a matter of policy.

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- Vista volunteer also voiced concerns about the newly rehabbed Mark Twain Hotel being just for seniors and discussed the area surrounding the hotel. Is there anything being done to clean up this area? Citizen has met with city government and asked for a local grocery store to be built in that particular portion of town. We discussed Hannibal being a DREAM community.

### **Cape Girardeau, public hearing, Nov. 13**

- Q: What agencies utilize HOME Repair Opportunities (HeRO) monies?  
A: Eligible applicants include not-for-profit agencies, regional planning commissions and those city governments with a home repair program in rural Missouri areas. In 20007, we have community action agencies, one regional planning commission and the city of Cape Girardeau participating in the program. Only specific types of work are eligible for funding under the HeRO program. These include: rehabilitation, lead-risk reduction, weatherization, accessibility improvements. Units may receive multiple services, but total grant cannot exceed \$20,000.
- Q: Vision House representative asked: Can HeRO money work for construction/rehab work for a house the agency owns? They also wanted to know if there were any funds available for agencies that will provide job skills training for homeless persons.  
A: HeRO funds are only used for owner/occupied properties. Other funds are available including Community Development Block Grants if they are used to help agencies provide workforce job training. Job training is an eligible activity for CDBG as well. The job training program must be approved by the Division of Workforce Development.
- Q: Colleen Starkloff, Starkloff institute, voiced concerns about the need for universal design on all projects and the need for homeless shelters to be accessible. (Written comments are included in the 5 year Consolidated Plan)

A: Pursuant to the 2008 Qualified Allocation Plan and the MHDC Architectural Guidelines handbook Universal Design is listed under the Evaluation Factors and is specifically required in the architectural Guidelines under General Development Acceptability.

### **Springfield, public hearing, Nov. 14**

- Patty Van Weelden, Ozark Area Community Action Corporation Housing Assistance Director, commented that she believed more should be done to save rural affordable housing that is disappearing from small communities. She also mentioned that she thought the housing that is still there is in desperate need of repair and rehabilitation. She asked for emphasis in the Plan on rural affordable housing.

A: MHDC is very aware of these problems and have been working with U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, developers and nonprofits to keep housing in place as much as possible. The lack of funding and the difficulty in getting developers interested in owning/rehabbing the smaller properties (1-8 units) scattered throughout the state makes it difficult to keep them in operation or maintained appropriately. Managing these properties represent a challenge for management companies when they have scattered small apartment complexes.

- Q: Patty VanWeelden also asked: Did Columbia join the Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care? Why? Is there an advantage? Do you still have money for new projects?

A: Columbia Continuum of Care (Boone County) joined the BoS Continuum of Care in November 2006 and the North Kansas City Continuum of Care (Platte, Ray and Clay counties) joined the BoS Continuum of Care in November 2007. In most instances, the pooling of money allows for a more comprehensive and efficient use of a larger amount of funds. Often the pro rata share for individual applicants is not sufficient to address needs. It is hoped that the large amount of pooled resources will more adequately meet program goals and objectives. Balance of State Continuum of Care funds increased from \$2.5 million to \$3.2 million with the addition of these four counties. New projects that fulfill the goals and objectives of the Governor's Committee on Homelessness are always welcome.

- Q: Greg Greven, Southwest Center for Independent Living Disability Advocate, asked if there was a possibility to have all units required to be universally designed.

A: MHDC agrees that there is a continuing need for more units for disabled and that universal design is one of the ways that we can address this issue. MHDC has emphasized “aging in place” considerations both in MHDC policy and action, including requiring all single family houses financed through our programs to incorporate universal design features. MHDC staff believes requiring universal design would have an adverse impact on the historic rehabilitation developments that would not fit those guidelines. Staff believes its additionally important to be inclusive in our development practices. Marie Carmichael, a private developer, explained that as a developer she tries to use incorporate universal design in rental production developments when feasible.

# **Fair Housing**

## **Missouri Housing Development Commission**

### **Fair Housing Activities**

MHDC continuously engages in a number of activities for the purpose of furthering fair housing in the State of Missouri.

#### **Working with Developers**

MHDC requires that the occupancy of all housing financed or otherwise assisted by MHDC shall be open to all persons regardless of race, sex, national origin, religion or creed; and that contractors and subcontractors engaged in the construction or rehabilitation of such housing shall provide equal opportunity for employment without discrimination as to race, sex, national origin, religion, or creed.

MHDC's mission is to provide quality, safe, affordable housing to low and moderate-income citizens of Missouri. This is accomplished in part through MHDC's Rental Production & Preservation Program that provides financial assistance to developers who build or rehabilitate affordable rental housing. MHDC performs due diligence to assure that all rental housing newly constructed or rehabilitated meets all accessible and handicapped requirements under Section 504 of the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. MHDC reviews all architectural plans for compliance. MHDC architectural design guidelines further recommend and discuss the implementation of Universal Design standards for all affordable housing proposals. MHDC also requires all developers to complete HUD Form 935.2 Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan and include a description of the outreach, marketing and advertising methods that will be used to affirmatively market the development.

MHDC's developer's packet for rental housing production requires all recipients of HOME funds to keep records of the extent of participation by minority and women-owned businesses. MHDC's stated policy is that qualified minority and women-owned businesses shall be solicited whenever they are potential sources of materials or services.

#### **Outreach and Educational Efforts**

MHDC also performs ongoing outreach and educational opportunities to the public and specific minority audiences, such as the Missouri Black Legislative Caucus Conference, to disseminate information on the various programs administered by MHDC, including the HOME Program.

Lastly, MHDC has held numerous workshops in conjunction with HUD, Legal Aide of Western Missouri, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and other civil rights organizations at the annual statewide Governor's Economic Development Conference, specifically to educate developers, property managers and the public on accessibility issues and fair housing enforcement issues. MHDC also makes information on Fair Housing, the Landlord-Tenant Law in Missouri and Housing Discrimination available to the public upon request.

## **Barriers to Affordable Housing -- 91.310(d)**

The Consolidated Plan must describe the state's strategy to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of its policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing, as identified in accordance with section 91.310. The Report of the Commission on Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing is included in its entirety at the end of this section. MHDC has identified the following barriers to affordable rental housing and affordable homeownership in Missouri.

- Limited funding for affordable rental housing development
- Limited funding for affordable homeownership programs
- The demolition of older affordable housing stock
- The conversion of affordable housing to market-rate housing
- Housing discrimination against persons of color in rental housing and homeownership
- The valuation of low-income housing tax credits in property tax assessments
- Limited funding of the Missouri Housing Trust Fund

In addition to the preceding barriers identified, some of which are within the state's control, MHDC is providing information on several barriers that are outside the state's control but which are sufficiently important and have negative impact on the availability of affordable homeownership and affordable rental housing in the state.

### **The Ten-Year Rule in the Mortgage Revenue Bond (MRB) Program**

The MRB Program provides low-interest mortgage financing to qualified first-time homebuyers. The Ten-Year Rule requires state housing finance agencies, like MHDC, to use homeowner prepayments to retire Mortgage Revenue Bonds (MRBs) after ten years, rather than recycling these funds to make new mortgages to additional qualified homebuyers. Each year MHDC issues approximately \$300 million a year in MRB's which finance approximately 3,000 families purchasing a home in Missouri. About half of the total amount of MRB's comes from this type of recycled MRB's. The Ten-Year Rule unfairly restricts the number of families who can purchase a home using the MRB Program and largely offsets the cap increase on MRB's in 2001 and 2002. Federal legislation to repeal the Ten-Year Rule is pending in the U.S. Congress.

### **Low Area Median Incomes in Rural Missouri (LIHTC Program)**

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program is the primary federal program to encourage the production of affordable rental housing. The LIHTC is a ten-year tax credit to owners and investors in affordable rental housing. Federal statutes require that the maximum income and rent guidelines be gauged to 60% of the *area median income*. Unfortunately, in many rural communities in Missouri the area median incomes are so low that the maximum rent allowable is simply not enough to make a tax credit development financially feasible.

This requirement also unfairly prohibits many low-income working families from living in a tax credit apartment. For instance, a family of four with two persons working fulltime can earn only slightly above minimum wage (\$6.65 an hour) and still qualify to live in a tax credit apartment in rural Missouri. Affordable housing advocates are working with Congress to make statutory changes that would allow the use of the *statewide or area median income (whichever is greater)* to determine the income and rent guidelines in the LIHTC Program.

It is also important to note that without the state low income housing tax credit affordable housing could not be built in the rural areas of the state.

### **Barriers to combining HOME funds with LIHTC in rural Missouri**

MHDC often uses HOME funds in conjunction with the LIHTC Program for the development of affordable rental housing. Unfortunately, HOME Program rules also make this very difficult, if not impossible, in many rural communities in Missouri.

As stated in the previous paragraph, the LIHTC Program requires that incomes and rents are gauged to 60% of the area median income. However, when rental housing is financed with HOME funds rents must be capped at *50% of the area median or HUD's Fair Market Rent, whichever is lower*, for Low HOME units, or 60% of area median income or Fair Market Rent, whichever is lower, for High HOME units.

In the rural areas, the Fair Market Rent is almost always lower than either the 50% or 60% rent limit for smaller units and quite often lower in larger units. In 26 rural counties in Missouri, this formula produces rents that are only \$300 a month for a one-bedroom unit, which makes rental housing development financially infeasible. Further, when HOME is combined with 9% LIHTC, 40% of the units in *each building* must be rented to residents earning no more than 50% of the area median income, which is most often a much larger total of units than the number of HOME-assisted units. This restriction is a requirement of the LIHTC regulations.

With median incomes so low, the 50% rent restriction greatly limits the population of households eligible to rent the units, while many more households in dire need of affordable housing are barred from renting because their income exceeds the restriction. In many cases, two wage earners with minimum wage jobs are over-income and therefore ineligible for the affordable housing programs provided through HOME and LIHTC. Legislation is needed to reform the LIHTC and HOME Programs to make rental housing development possible in rural Missouri.

There is a narrow band of potential renters who qualify and who can afford tax-credits/HOME rents.

- Those who can afford the rent are often over income.
- Most qualifying tenants are a single parent (women) with one, two or three children.

- A single parent wage earner with one child cannot earn more than \$8.61/hr. or \$1,492 a month according to the HOME/Tax credit income restrictions.
- A single Parent wage earner with two children cannot earn more than \$9.68/hr. or \$20,150 a year according to the HOME/Tax credit income restrictions.
- A single elderly person cannot have income which exceeds \$1,309/per month pursuant to the HOME/Tax Credit restrictions.
- Two people both wage earners, making minimum wage of \$6.65/hr. are over income for the HOME/Tax Credit Program.

Someone might suggest that the system (HOME)/Tax Credit/FMRs) is broken, that it does not serve the intended recipient, and it does nothing to support the workforce recipient. In Rural Missouri, FMRs have shut down the program. We cannot build new units in 50 counties in the state of Missouri because of FMRs. It is therefore imperative that existing project based rent assisted housing be preserved in rural areas. This aged affordable housing stock can only be preserved with the use of 9% federal and state low income housing credit.

**The Commission's ongoing work to eliminate regulatory barriers to affordable housing:**

1. The Commission's membership and involvement with the National Council of State Housing Finance Agencies
  - Proposed Changes to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (attached)
2. The Commission's commissioned study of the state low income housing tax credit
  - Study is posted at [www.mhdc.com](http://www.mhdc.com)
  - The Argument for the State Housing Credit (attached)
3. The Governor's appointment of a Blue Ribbon Panel to make recommendations for reform to MHDC's processes and programs
  - Report is posted at [www.mhdc.com](http://www.mhdc.com)
4. The Governor's DREAM Initiative (Housing and Economic Development in designated communities -- downtown rural communities)
  - More information at [www.dream.mo.gov](http://www.dream.mo.gov)
5. Senior Housing Task Force
  - Report is posted at [www.mhdc.com](http://www.mhdc.com)

6. Disruptive Resident Task Force
  - Report is posted at [www.mhdc.com](http://www.mhdc.com)
7. MHDC annual planning conference
8. MHDC annual housing conference
9. MHDC's continuing work with the following agencies: DED, HUD, USDA Rural Development, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Reserve, IRS, federal and state legislators and many housing advocacy groups.
10. Qualified Allocation Plan
  - Posted at [www.mhdc.com](http://www.mhdc.com)

## **Proposed Changes to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit**

Affordable housing Tax Credit Coalition, Enterprise Community Partners, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, National Association of State and Local Equity Funds, National Leased Housing Association, National Multi Housing Council.

The organizations listed above support the following changes to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit to simplify and improve operation of the program.

- Set credit percentages at the greater of: 1) current law – 70%/30% present value – or 2) 9%/4% annually.
- Allow HOME-assisted properties located in qualified census tracts (QCT) or difficult development areas (DDA) to receive the 30 percent increase in eligible basis permitted other properties.
- Allow states to establish geographic and income targeting standards in their Qualified Allocation Plans that would provide for a 30 percent increase in eligible basis for certain properties.
- Revise the Housing Tax Credit scattered site rule to require Housing Tax Credit units to be proportionally distributed among a development's buildings.
- Eliminate the restriction on the use of Housing Tax Credits for Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation properties.
- Coordinate multifamily bond program and Housing Tax Credit program rules.
  - Conform the multifamily bond next available unit rule to the Credit rule when Bonds and Credits are combined.
  - Apply the Housing Tax Credit program's definition of student to the multifamily bond program.
  - Allow the use of multifamily bonds to finance single-room occupancy dwellings.
- Eliminate the Housing Tax Credit recapture bond requirement and replace it with a reporting requirement.
- Exempt Housing Tax Credit and Multifamily housing bonds from the alternative minimum tax (AMT)
- Change the related party rules of acquisition Credits. Current law prohibits transfers of properties where there is more than a 10 percent common interest between seller and buyer. The unusually low 10 percent relationship threshold would be increased to 50 percent to conform the Housing Tax Credit Program with the general rule in the Tax Code.
- Specifically provide that rental assistance payments, operating subsidies, interest subsidies and other ongoing payments to a housing property designed to reduce cash flow needs from rent to enable the property to be rented to low-income tenants should not be considered federal grants.
- Allow Housing Tax Credits to continue for a property suffering from a casualty, provided that it is rebuilt within a reasonable period of time. At present, the IRS will allow Housing Tax Credits to continue for properties suffering casualties that have occurred in providentially-declared disaster areas, but not casualties resulting from other causes.

- Base rural rent/income ceilings on greater of: 1) current law or 2) 60 percent of national non-metro median income. This is designed to improve project feasibility in very low-income rural areas.
- Repeal the 10 year rule for acquisition Housing Tax Credits (this rule prevents taking acquisition Housing Tax Credits if the property has been placed in service or sold within the prior 10 year period).
- Expand the allowable basis for community service facilities from 10 percent to facilitate use in smaller properties. Proposal would allow 20 percent of the first \$5 million of eligible basis and 10 percent thereafter.
- Modify the income qualification requirements so that the properties may make units available to individuals with incomes greater than 60 percent of area median income (AMI) e.g. up to 80 percent AMI) provided they offset those increases with units targeted at deeper income limits so that the overall average of the property remains 60 percent AMI or 50 percent AMI.
- Eliminate the requirement for the annual recertification of tenant incomes in 100 percent Housing Credit properties. Currently the IRS permits a waiver process, but not all states participate and the requirement serves no policy purpose.
- Require state allocating agencies to make the same determination for bond-financed properties that Housing Credit amounts are necessary to financial feasibility that they make for allocated 9% Housing Credits.
- Permit single-parent full-time students to reside in Housing Credit properties.
- Repeal the ten-year rule for MRBs issued after date of enactment.

## The Argument for the State Housing Credit

1. It allows many more affordable units to be built. Typically on a 9% Tax Credit Development 25% to 30% of the total development cost is raised through the sale of the state credit.
2. Without the state tax credit equity most 4% transactions would not be feasible. Without this source of funding all new construction and most of the rehab developments would be infeasible. This alone would translate to over 5,000 units being lost in the past 12 months.
3. Most 9% tax credit developments and almost all 4% tax credit developments would not be feasible and/or affordable.
4. Affordability and project feasibility are difficult without the state tax credit equity. Without the tax credit equity, housing development in rural communities would be severely hampered.
5. Affordability for very low income tenants (those tenants at 50% or less of median income) would be eliminated without the tax credit equity. Development costs exceed the ability of poor people to pay the rents necessary to support debt and operating costs. Our largest tenant base consists of single women with children and seniors living on a fixed income.
6. Without the State Housing Credit the quality of our loan underwriting would suffer. (Rents, occupancy, operating budgets, and reserves would be unrealistically altered to make deals work. Greater risks would be taken).
7. Without the State Housing Credit the quality of construction would be compromised. The state credit equity allows us to force the developer to build a quality product, one in which we can take pride. For example, we insist on washer and dryer hook-ups, carports for elderly units, brick, hardi-board siding, better construction materials, higher energy rated equipment and many added amenities.
8. The state credit allows us to insist upon service-enriched housing, e.g., community centers, learning centers, after-school tutors, social service directors, educational and social programming, food banks, clothing banks, financial assistance for emergencies, transportation, and in some cases day care.
9. In most cases the state credit assures that we will have full time property managers on-site. The advantages of having a full-time on-site manager are significant to property maintenance, safety, and stability for residents.
10. The state credit contributes economic development and jobs to the community.
11. Affordable housing and especially redevelopment of project-based rental assisted housing reduces homelessness.
12. Affordable housing provides housing for the minimum wage employee that many business and community leaders are asking us to provide.
13. Affordable housing promotes so many social benefits that, if not provided, become serious problems for society and our local and state governments. We need a study to calculate the

cost to the state if affordable housing was not available to its citizens. The cost to society would be staggering, and we could never expect to break the poverty cycle.

**REPORT FROM  
THE COMMISSION ON REGULATORY BARRIERS  
TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Affordable Housing Act of 1992 called for states to draft a "Consolidated Plan" for housing and community development activities as a prerequisite for receiving funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. As a component of the Plan, HUD required states to identify barriers to affordable housing and to work towards eliminating those barriers in the future.

In response to this federal legislation and upon urging from the Home Builders Association of Greater St. Louis, the Missouri legislature created the Commission on Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing in 1994. Its purpose as defined in Chapter 215.261 is to identify federal, state and local regulatory barriers that increase the cost, or otherwise impede production, of affordable housing. Furthermore, it must recommend means to eliminate these barriers. The Commission must submit a report to the Governor each year detailing its progress.

The Commission is composed of nine members, seven of whom are appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The other two members are the Executive Director of the Missouri Housing Development Commission and the Director of the Department of Economic Development. Following are the individuals who comprise the Commission:

Harry Hite, Residential General Contractor, Belton, MO

Kim Haase, Residential General Contractor, Springfield, MO

Jacqueline Wayman, Citizen at Large, Cameron, MO

Ora Wells, Citizen at Large, Kansas City, MO

Rae Wiss, Residential Land Developer, St. Louis, MO

Craig Watson, Residential Architect, Kansas City, MO

Sid Koltun, Residential Engineer, St. Louis, MO

Richard Grose, Executive Director, MHDC, Kansas City, MO

Joseph Driskill, Director, DED, Jefferson City, MO

Chapter 215.262 grants authority to the Commission to appoint additional ex officio members as it deems necessary. Under such authority, a tenth member was appointed by the Commission members in December 1995 – Carl Schwing, City Manager of Richmond Heights, who represents the Missouri Municipal League.

The Commissioners held their first meeting in Jefferson City on June 26, 1995. Later that year and in early 1996, the Commission held four public hearings to solicit input from anyone interested in affordable housing. Locations included Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield and Chillicothe. Representatives from the building and economic development industries contributed most of the testimony at the hearings. Among the barriers they cited were disparities in federally-mandated income guidelines; lack of developers for rural areas; impact fees; excessive subdivision requirements; restrictive zoning ordinances; duplication of plan and permit reviews by various governmental agencies; and permitting requirements of the Department of Natural Resources.

The Commission has continued to hold monthly meetings to discuss the barriers that had been identified previously, outline possible solutions for eliminating them, and solicit additional input from other agencies and organizations. Some of the issues were resolved expediently through meetings and consultations with the appropriate parties. For example, Missouri Municipal League representatives and Commission staff successfully negotiated with the Public Service Commission to revise its rule pertaining to the code used to inspect modular housing. The PSC was using building codes from 1987. The rule change will bring the code current to 1996 and will include a streamlined mechanism for updating as the national building codes change.

Finally the Commission sponsored a day-long workshop in September to explore and refine those strategies that appear in this report as recommendations for action. Facilitating the workshop was S. Mark White, urban planner and attorney with Freilich, Leitner & Carlisle in Kansas City. Those invited to participate included Senator Joe Maxwell and Representative Phil Tate, along with representatives from the Home Builders Associations of St. Louis, Kansas City and Missouri; the Missouri Municipal League; the Missouri Manufactured Housing Institute; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; the Missouri Department of Economic Development; and the Missouri Association of Realtors.

In developing the following recommendations, the Commission has attempted to forge a consensus on proposed legislation between the public and private sectors. All of the agencies, organizations and individuals named above have participated in the process. The Commission acknowledges the contributions of those agencies in the development of these recommendations.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

In forging a strategy to encourage regulatory reform, several principles should be taken into account. First, the strategy must be **reasonable**. The removal of regulatory reforms should not undermine the fundamental integrity of the local government's land use system. Substandard subdivisions are not the solution to affordable housing issues. Local governments can protect their character and environment, plan for the capacity of public facilities, and promote the community's quality of life without impairing housing opportunities for low and moderate income persons. The General Assembly may prescribe minimum and maximum standards for

development, as well as streamlined approaches such as maximum processing periods, in order to protect local discretion while avoiding unreasonable standards.

Second, the strategy should **protect local discretion**. Local land use controls are historically a local function in Missouri, and local governments will vigorously resist attempts to intrude on local autonomy in the development of land use controls. Accordingly, legislative measures that provide new authority for local governments are more politically acceptable than those that lessen local authority. In addition, the General Assembly can provide general standards while, at the same time, providing for the implementation of those standards at the local level.

Third, the strategy should be **effective and enforceable**. Simply providing discretionary authority to local governments provides no incentive for local jurisdictions to accommodate low or moderate income housing. The development community should be given recourse against state agencies and local governments that maintain unreasonable or exclusionary land or moderate income housing projects preclude a large “war chest” to fight local controls in court. At the same time, reform efforts should ensure that developers who take advantage of regulatory reform follow through on their promises to provide affordable housing. Land use reforms should not become an excuse for conventional, single family “sprawl” developments to evade local land use controls.

Fourth, the strategy should provide for **stakeholder involvement**. All segments of the community interested in housing issues, including planners, local builders and manufactured home retailers, Realtors, tenants, homeowners, citizen activists, and environmentalists should be involved in developing the local housing strategy. Working together, these groups can forge a consensus on those regulations that can be modified, as well as those which are of such pressing importance that they should be retained.

Finally, the strategy should ensure that local regulatory reform has a sound **planning basis**. Since its inception, the purpose of zoning was to implement the comprehensive planning policies of the local community. Regulatory reform should ensure that the goals, objectives and policies adopted by a community are integrated with other legitimate goals, objectives and polices adopted by a community are integrated with other legitimate goals of the local comprehensive plan. Only by reconciling the various elements of the comprehensive plan can local housing policies have lasting effect.

Based on the foregoing principles, the Commission’s recommendations for immediate action are as follows:

#### Vested Rights Legislation

Both the public and private sector representatives were in agreement that it is unfair to change the “rules of the game” in the midst of the planning and development approval process. While the public sector representatives favored some time limits, they were resistant to “deemed approved” legislation. As with vested rights legislation in other states, the Commission recommends that the general assembly pass legislation with the following components:

- The legislation should set forth which categories of development approvals will be protected from subsequent changes in zoning or subdivision regulations. For example, preliminary or final subdivision plats, preliminary or final site plans, and building permits could be protected from changes in zoning regulations.
- The legislation should set forth a realistic time limit during which the zoning and subdivision regulations are “frozen.” The Commission recommends a period of five years. This provides the developer an adequate period of time to complete development, while ensuring that local communities do not become burdened with “antiquated” subdivisions.
- The local government and the development community should be authorized to enter into development agreements that set forth the developer’s obligations to comply with the zoning regulations in effect at the time of approval, to provide infrastructure, to provide affordable housing units, and to allow for the phasing of development.

### Manufactured Housing Legislation

At least twenty states, including three Midwestern states surrounding Missouri, have legislation that curtails local discrimination against manufactured housing. It is time for Missouri to recognize this trend, while providing local governments with the direction they need in order to comply with federal law. It is recommended that the State of Missouri adopt anti-discrimination legislation for manufactured housing, which as the following elements:

- Manufactured homes built to the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Code (also known as the “HUD Code”) should be permitted in any residential district in which single-family homes are permitted. This would not preclude the developer from placing restrictive covenants on the subdivision.
- Manufactured home subdivisions may be approved and processed in the same manner as residential subdivisions, with local governments retaining the discretion to approve or deny manufactured home subdivisions in the same manner as conventional subdivisions.
- Local governments should be permitted to regulate design and aesthetic standards not covered by the HUD Code, so long as those regulations do not have the effect of banning manufactured homes from the jurisdiction.

### Department of Natural Resources Legislation

Homebuilders, developers and engineers consistently reported that permitting processes for sewer extension, water lines, and storm water drainage were burdensome and caused excessive time delays. The Department expects to incorporate rules changes that allow cities and counties with professional engineers on staff to approve plans for sewer extensions without DNR review. While the Commission applauds the Department’s efforts in this regard, it believes that these changes do not go far enough to solve the problem.

The Commission recommends legislation or rule changes that allow cities with professional engineers on staff, at their discretion, to approve all plans for sewer extensions,

water lines and storm water drainage without DNR review. Furthermore, it is recommended that smaller cities that do not employ professional engineers be allowed at their discretion to hire outside engineering consultants to approve such plans. The costs associated with such outside consultants may be at the builder's expense.

### ISSUES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

The Commission recognizes the existence of other regulatory barriers beyond those addressed above. Strategies to eliminate them need careful and thoughtful consideration. The following courses of action have been identified as possible solutions and will be studied in depth at upcoming Commission meetings:

#### Agency Streamlining

Members of the development community reported that the need to obtain approvals from fire and sewer districts often significantly delayed the development approval process because of sometimes conflicting regulations. The Commission recognizes that action is necessary to address this serious concern. However, further study and consideration are required before an appropriate solution can be devised. The Commission will address this issue more thoroughly in 1997.

#### Housing Appeals Board

Many states – such as New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island – have used housing appeals board and streamlined litigation procedures to overcome regulatory barriers to affordable housing. These procedures, while extremely effective, are very controversial because they involve the use of courts or state agencies to override local zoning. While this can overcome parochial barriers to the construction of affordable housing within a jurisdiction, the Commission acknowledges that the likelihood of obtaining such legislation is slim. Certainly, there is precedent for legislation that curtails local discretion to disapprove certain types of projects. For example, the zoning enabling law for cities, towns and villages limits discrimination against group homes under RSMo, 89.020.

The Commission is not recommending creation of a Housing Appeals Board at this time. It will, however, continue to evaluate whether such a

Action might be appropriate for consideration at a later date.

#### Impact Fee Legislation

Impact fee legislation presents a real opportunity for consensus between the public and private sectors in the balance between the need to provide new infrastructure in developing areas and the need for affordable housing. Impact fees increasingly are recognized as a useful mechanism to provide needed infrastructure, yet the authority of many jurisdictions in the State of Missouri to adopt impact fees is questionable.

While the Commission favors the adoption of legislation authorizing all Missouri municipalities to levy impact fees, guidelines governing the process need further consideration and study. This issue is a high priority for the Commission. At the next meeting in January, the Commission will begin to formulate specific parameters for this important piece of legislation and will make further recommendations in 1997.

## CONCLUSION

The state commission on regulatory barriers to affordable housing was charged by the General Assembly to identify federal, state and local barriers to affordable housing and to recommend means to eliminate such barriers. In developing the above recommendations, the Commission has worked closely with the public agencies involved in regulating development in order to forge a strategy that is realistic, fair, and effective. The Commission does not intend for this report to simply sit on a shelf or to become a mere guideline for enlightened jurisdictions. Instead, the Commission is seeking immediate legislative action in order to ensure that its recommendations become reality.

In developing its recommendations, the Commission acknowledges that local land use controls have been delegated to local governments, and will probably remain under the control of local government for the immediate future. The Commission is not seeking to invade or to repeal the historical providence of local governments over local land use controls. Instead, the Commission is seeking ways to work with local governments to develop affordable housing in a manner that respects local concerns over the quality of life, infrastructure, and the environment. It is hoped that the General Assembly will provide the authority, as well as regulatory incentives, for local governments to accommodate affordable housing for the benefit of all Missourians.

# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

## **FY2008 EFFORTS RELATED TO FAIR HOUSING AND IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE**

In 1997, the State completed an “Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice” study for the non-entitlement regions of the state. That study included a survey instrument, research materials, and focus groups held with interested parties. The conclusions of that study identified five areas where impediments may occur. Those five areas include:

- A lack of available, affordable housing
- The “income variable” – low income, poor credit history
- Education and the lack of understanding of the Fair Housing law
- Local ordinances and federal regulations that may create barriers to housing construction or that may provide barriers (difficulty) in access to financial assistance
- Discrimination

Since our Consolidated Plan covers the five-year period between 2008 and 2012, we chose the method of addressing one “category” per year from the list above. To implement our plan we separated activities into two classes:

43) Activities that the state would carry out; and

44) Activities that we would require of the CDBG grantees. Prior to 1998, CDBG had asked its grantees to study and draft their own individual Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. Many communities complied with this request; however, we determined the necessity to complete a statewide study and re-establish a more logistic approach to the problem. Starting in 1998, we asked communities to provide an activity, in addition to their already required annual Fair Housing furtherance, that would directly relate to the category of impediment chosen for focus that year. The state has and will continue to provide technical assistance material for the grantees to implement the AI related activity.

The process established through the CDBG Program (requiring grantees to address an impediment activity for every year they have an open grant) has accomplished an awareness and understanding of Fair Housing among the current local officials. The efforts taken at the local level among grantees is often creative and commendable. It is not reasonable; however, to assume that the efforts generated in the first 5 years worth of strategy has alleviated the problem.

There is a necessity to perpetuate and sustain the awareness process in the five areas identified for two basic reasons: one is the fact that CDBG grants are not provided to every community in the non-entitlement areas of the state every year and therefore elimination of impediment activities may not have occurred in every community; and two, the officials of the community change with elections and therefore the knowledge base may diminish regarding the subject at large, and the past local efforts to eliminate barriers.

Our past experience and process leads us to plan in a manner that does not discard the previous study and findings, but rather to build on them and improve the efforts made by the communities.

To retrieve additional statistical data and to prove or disprove the evidence of the five major impediments identified, the State initiated a survey in 2003 to 3,462 recent homebuyers. The mailing list was generated with the assistance of the Missouri Housing Development

Commission and the Department of Economic Development Missouri Economic Research and Information Center. The survey included addresses from a cross-section of the state. The survey form was updated from the one used in 1997 and re-worded in areas to eliminate possible bias.

One hundred and six surveys were returned undeliverable for a successful mailing of 3,356 surveys.

The mailing list was coded to indicate what demographic the homeowner belonged to, and was divided as follows: 2,095 male, 1144 female heads of household, 187 minority, and 36 elderly.

The response number was 594 for a 17.69% return ratio. Of those responding, 345 were women (not necessarily female heads of household) and 249 male. The response ratios were 58% female and 42% male, accordingly.

The survey responses were reviewed in a manner to provide any significant findings. The findings were first made as a comparison to the five areas of impediments identified in the first study. Other significant items were noted as well and appear in the following statements:

- On the average, one third of the respondents answered “don’t know” in the perception questions. This may indicate either a lack of understanding of Fair Housing issues, the Fair Housing law, or a lack of understanding of the circumstances within their community.
- For every example provided, the majority of persons answered in a manner denying the existence of a barrier when asked what they perceive. This included questions on disabilities, race, families with children, large families, community diversity, segregation, zoning, and housing availability.
- In 3 out of 4 questions, more than 10% of the people expressed personal experience with a barrier to housing.
- Income and credit histories indicate the largest reasons for experiencing a barrier.
- Single females and families with children make up the next largest reason for experiencing a barrier.
- 85% of the persons surveyed did not know where to go to file a fair housing complaint.

The survey still supports the focus on the four categories of discrimination; education; income; and regulations identified by the previous study. The 2002 census supports the fifth category of lack of affordable housing. It also supports data showing homeownership, although strong in Missouri (over 70%), is less among race and ethnic classes.

### **Strategies for FY2008 – FY2012**

Given the results of the survey, the strategy of focusing on one impediment area per year for the next five years will remain. Each CDBG grantee will continue to be required to provide an action for every year that their CDBG grant is open. The state will continue to gain education regarding the impediments issues and work with the Human Rights Commission to provide education and awareness statewide.

The state plans to strengthen the technical assistance pieces provided to each community in every year. The individual annual actions will be listed in both the upcoming action plans as well as itemized in the Performance Evaluation report narratives.

# **Strategies to Address “Troubled” Public Housing Authorities**

### **Strategy to Address “Troubled” Public Housing Authorities**

The State will work individually with each Public Housing Authority designated as “troubled” by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that fall within the jurisdiction of this plan. Further the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) will consult with the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Missouri Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials to address the needs of these “troubled” Public Housing Authorities. MHDC has requested and received information from HUD on the status of the “troubled” Public Housing Authorities in the Participating Jurisdiction of the State of Missouri.

According to information received from HUD, the “troubled” Public Housing Authorities include: Hayti Heights PHA, Kennett PHA, Republic PHA and the Joplin PHA.

MHDC has contacted each of these Public Housing Authorities to determine their specific needs and it will continue to work with them to develop Action Plans to address the needs identified by each Public Housing Authority.

# **Performance Measures**

The Performance Measures system includes Objectives, Outcome Measures and Indicators. In the System, there are three overarching objectives and three categories of outcomes.

The objectives are Creating Suitable Living Environments; Providing Decent Affordable Housing; and Creating Economic Opportunities. The Outcome Categories are: Accessibility/Availability; Affordability and Sustainability. There is a specified list of output indicators that Grantees would report on as appropriate to their chosen objective and outcome. The Working Group is confident that the list is broad enough so that the results of a significant amount of activities of each of the programs will be reported. Most of the output indicators required by the System do not require additional data collection or reporting.

As proposed, grantees would use this System in their five-year Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans, but are free to add objectives, outcomes and indicators specific to their state or local initiatives or priorities. Modifications to existing HUD reporting requirements and mechanisms, such as IDIS and the PER will be made to include these outcomes, indicators and appropriate data variables.

The System has been designed to enable grantees and HUD to tell Congress and OMB about many of the benefits provided by the programs. Our goal is to have information to aggregate results across the broad spectrum of programming at the city, county and state level funded by these block grants. In addition, grantees are encouraged to utilize this performance measurement system as the basis for assessment and management of their programs.

Based on their intent when funding them, Grantees would determine under which of the three objectives to report the outcomes of their projects and activities. Similarly, once the objective is chosen, then the Grantee would also choose which of the three outcome categories best reflects what they are seeking to achieve (the results) in funding a particular activity. Next, Grantees would choose from a list of indicators (also known as outputs) to report on, and supply the data for those indicators to HUD.

The System maintains the flexibility of the block grants programs, as the objectives and outcomes are determined by the grantees based on the intent of the project and activity. While program flexibility is maintained, the System offers a specific menu of objectives, outcomes and indicators so that reporting can be standardized and the achievements of these programs can be aggregated to the national level.

## **OBJECTIVES**

### Suitable Living Environment

In general, this objective relates to activities that are designed to benefit communities or groups of families by addressing issues in their living environment.

### Decent Affordable Housing

The activities that typically would be found under this objective are designed to cover the wide range of housing that is possible under HOME, CDBG, HOPWA or ESG. It focuses on housing programs where the purpose of the program is to meet individual family or community needs and not programs where housing is an element of a larger effort (that would be captured above under Suitable Living Environment).

## Creating Economic Opportunities

This objective applies to the types of activities related to economic development, commercial revitalization or job creation.

## **OUTCOMES**

### Availability/Accessibility

This outcome category applies to activities which make services, infrastructure, housing, or shelter available or accessible to low income people. In this category, accessibility does not refer only to physical barriers, but also to making the affordable basics of daily living available and accessible to low and moderate income people where they live.

### Affordability

This outcome category applies to activities which provide affordability in a variety of ways in the lives of low and moderate income people. It can include the creation or maintenance of affordable housing, basic infrastructure hook-ups, or services such as transportation or day care.

### Sustainability: Promoting Livable or Viable Communities

This outcome applies to projects where the activity or activities are aimed at improving a neighborhood by helping to make it livable or viable for principally low and moderate income people through multiple activities, or by providing services that sustain communities or sections of communities.

## **Output Indicators**

There are certain indicators that are required; the rest of the indicators reported will depend on the activity funded and source of funding (CDBG, HOME, ESG or HOPWA). The CDBG program implemented the performance measures system on a limited basis for 2006. HOME, ESG and HOPWA implemented the system in 2007.

Each outcome category can be connected to each of the overarching objectives, resulting in a total of nine groups of outcomes under which grantees would report the activity or project data to document the results of their activities or projects. They are activities or projects that provide:

- Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments
- Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing
- Accessibility for the purpose of creating economic opportunities
- Affordability for purpose of creating suitable living environments
- Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing
- Affordability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities
- Sustainability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments
- Sustainability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing
- Sustainability for the purpose of creating economic opportunity

# Outcomes

